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BALTIMORE, *October* 17, 1892.

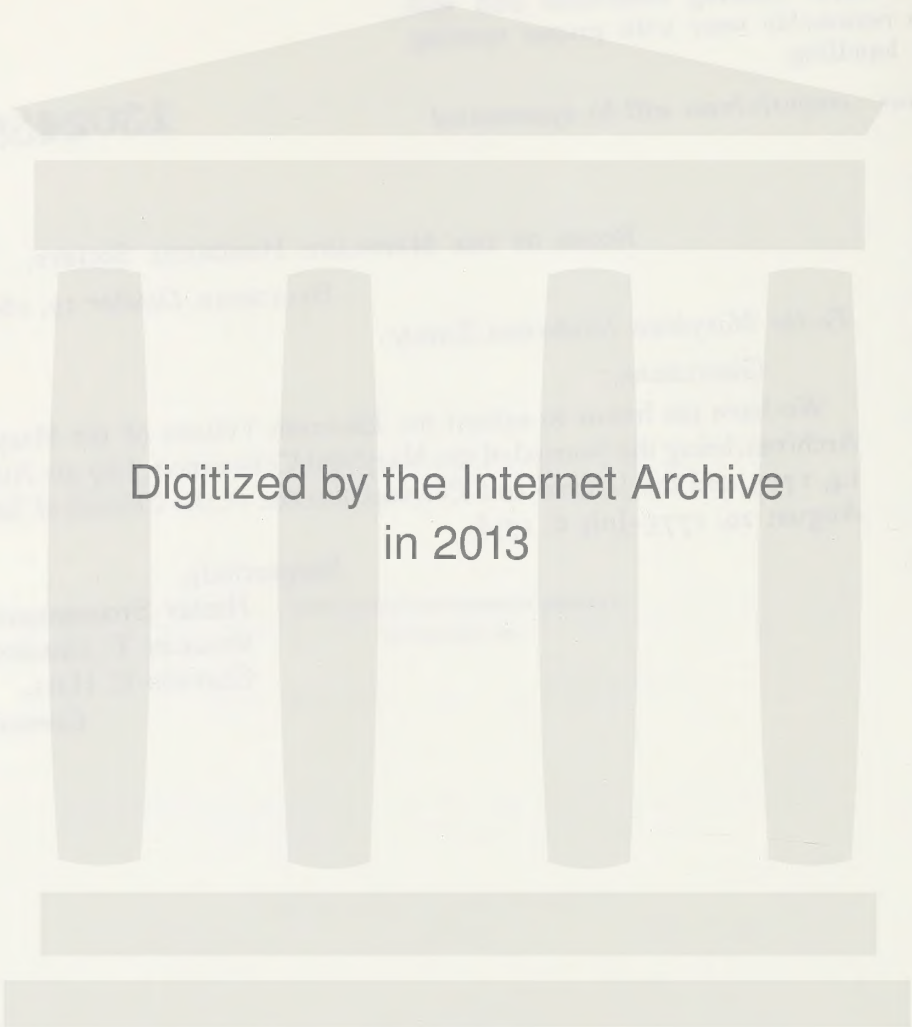
To the Maryland Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:

We have the honor to submit the Eleventh Volume of the Maryland Archives, being the Journal of the Maryland Convention, July 26–August 14, 1775, and the Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Safety, August 29, 1775–July 6, 1776.

Respectfully,

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,
BRADLEY T. JOHNSON,
CLAYTON C. HALL,
Committee.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PREFACE.

The period covered by this volume is one of peculiar interest, including, as it does, Maryland's transformation from a dependent Province to a sovereign State.

The determined purpose of the British government to raise a revenue in America, and the violent invasions of liberty contemplated by Townshend's Act, plainly showed the people that they must offer a spirited resistance unless they were resigned to the loss of all political freedom. Resistance by arms was not at first thought of: it was hoped that energetic remonstrance, backed up by a show of resolution, might bring about a change of policy in the mother country. The plan adopted was that of a commercial war. To refuse to import British goods or to buy them if imported, could hardly be called treason; and such a course might enlist on their side the manufacturing and commercial interests of Great Britain, which could not but suffer from the loss of so important a market. But to do this effectually, it must be done by all and in an organised way. Hence non-importation associations were formed in all the colonies, and around these associations the whole spirit of resistance crystallised.

The partial recession of the government when it abandoned the duties laid by Townshend's Act, except that on tea, caused a considerable relaxation of the non-importation policy; but the Boston Port Bill and other violent measures rekindled the alarm and the spirit of resistance. The resolutions of Massachusetts, recommending a return to the strict non-importation system, but gave a voice to feelings that were spreading everywhere. It was seen that something more organic than the associations was necessary; and the people of Baltimore, assembled in a town-meeting held May 31, 1774, recommended that a congress of deputies chosen from each county should assemble in Annapolis, there to determine on a plan of conduct for the whole Province.

This congress, or Convention as it was called, met for the first time in Annapolis on June 22, 1774, and organized with Matthew Tilghman as chairman. At no time in the history of Maryland did a representative body meet characterised by greater wisdom, truer patriotism, and more lofty unselfishness of purpose. Clearly declaring their real motives and aims, they resolved upon a general system of non-intercourse and appointed deputies to a Congress of all the colonies to insure unity of action.

The General Congress met in Philadelphia in September 1774, and agreed upon a definite plan of action. Public meetings to ratify this policy were held in all the counties of Maryland, committees chosen to carry it out, and delegates elected to a second Convention, which met in November, and before it the deputies to the Congress laid the report of their proceedings. This Convention passed a series of resolutions approving the action of the Congress, and providing more specifically for carrying out the non-importation policy, and especially for the organisation and drill of the militia, and the purchase of arms and ammunition.

It was now seen that the Convention embodied the spirit of resistance, and all matters and measures connected therewith came within the scope of its duties. Otherwise, the civil polity of the Province was unaffected: the courts were still open, the ordinary business of the government went on, and Governor Eden, an amiable and liberal man who was both liked and respected, was not only undisturbed in his office, but treated with undiminished consideration and social regard, notwithstanding all his efforts to dissuade the leading men from a course which he believed ruinous. In his correspondence with the Ministry he endeavored to act the part of a peacemaker, and to represent the conduct and character of the leading Marylanders in the most favorable light (*vid.* p. 342); and it was probably in consequence of his representations that the British cruisers, in the first year of the war, abstained so markedly from serious injury to Maryland.

The Convention met again in April 1775, and during this session the news arrived of the battle of Lexington. After its adjournment the battle of Bunker Hill was fought, and open war had begun.

As so large a body as the Convention could not remain continuously in session, it appointed a certain number of its members a standing Executive Committee with the title of Council of Safety, which was the permanent administrative body for all matters and measures connected with the policy of resistance, within the limits provided in its constitution; and it had the power to call together the Convention whenever any matter should arise transcending the Council's authority, or demanding a wider responsibility. It was assisted by a Committee of Observation in each county, who kept the Council constantly advised, and carried out its orders.

There was thus a perfect democratic government existing side by side with the phantom of Proprietary rule; the Convention and the Council representing the people in their sovereign capacity, chosen by them and carrying out their will. Even the deputies to the Congress were appointed by the Convention.

The next meeting of the Convention was on July 26, 1775. As in Green's published Journals of the Conventions neither the daily proceedings nor the names of members of this session are given, the Journal has here been reproduced in full from the original manuscript, as preliminary to the Journal of the Council of Safety.

The Proprietary government would probably have expired quietly by the return of Eden to England, but for a slight but disturbing incident. A certain Alexander Ross who had been granted a passport to visit (under color of collecting a debt) Lord Dunmore, then on board a British cruiser in the Bay, was arrested in Virginia on his return, and on his person were found letters to the Governor from Lord George Germain, Secretary of State. Copies of these letters were sent to the Council of Safety, who deputed a committee to visit Eden and ask his parole that he would not leave the Province until after the meeting of the Convention. He declined to give any such parole; but in consideration of the courtesy with which he was uniformly treated, he voluntarily assured them that it was his intention to remain until the Convention met; and this assurance was accepted as satisfactory.

But Gen. Charles Lee, commanding the Continental forces in Virginia, on seeing the letters, took a sudden fright, and wrote, not, as he should have done, to the Council of Safety, but to Saml. Purviance, chairman of the Baltimore Committee, sending copies of the letters, and urging him to arrest Eden immediately in his (Lee's) name. Purviance, an ardent patriot, but somewhat hot-headed, sent the copies to Hancock, President of the Congress, and with them an unsigned letter of his own, in which he charged the Council with timorousness and inactivity, and intimated that he would send on his own responsibility a secret expedition to Annapolis to seize the Governor's person. This letter, contrary to the writer's expectation, was read in Congress, and the Maryland deputies, highly indignant, at once notified the Council of Safety.

Congress, too prone, even at that early date, to magnify its powers, passed resolutions that the Council be earnestly requested to seize the person of Eden; and Hancock, in transmitting them, remarked that Congress relied on their zeal and diligence in executing them. The Council was too polite to remind Congress that it was not a Congressional Committee, but briefly replied that they were aware of all the facts, and had taken proper measures.

Purviance, however, determined to take vigorous action on his own account, and without his colleagues' authority ordered a party to go with speed and secrecy to Annapolis, arrest Eden and bring him to Baltimore. News of this plot leaked out, and Purviance was first censured by the Baltimore Committee, then cited before the Council, who examined and reprimanded him, and placed him under bond to appear before the Convention, when he was reprimanded again. They also, indirectly, gave Lee to understand what they thought of his meddling in a Province where he had no authority; and he apologised for his excess of zeal.

Eden left the Province on June 24, and went on board the frigate *Fowey*, the Council accompanying him to the barge, with every mark of respect; and thus the last phantom of proprietary government vanished.

Several of the colonies were eager that the Congress should take the decisive step of declaring independence; but the deputies from Mary-

land had been forbidden by the Convention to concur in such action without further authority. As this, however, seemed now to be the only possible course, the Council advised that meetings should be held in all the counties to test the sentiment of the people; and this proving to be strongly in favor of the step, the restrictions on the Maryland delegates were removed by the Convention on June 28.

On July 3, the Convention adopted a Declaration, in which after setting forth, without sonorous generalities or superfluous rhetoric, the nature of their grievances, and their unavailing efforts to obtain redress, they declare that "the King of Great Britain has violated his compact with this people, and they owe no allegiance to him." Thus Maryland ceased to be a Province, and became an independent, self-governed State.

The sources of this volume are as follows:

The original journal of the Convention [C. J.] from which all the proceedings of that body have been taken; a later copy [C. J.^{2}] which has furnished the appended documents Nos. 1–12; and a photographic facsmile of the Associators' engagement (p. 66) from the original at Annapolis.

The original journal of the Council of Safety [C. S. J.]. This is a little defective in some places, but missing words have been supplied from a later copy.

The original letter-book of the Council [C. S. C.] has been used for all the letters written by the Council. Of these there is a later copy which has been collated. This later book contains also copies of the letters to the Council; but diligent search in the collections of the Historical Society has discovered nearly all the originals, and from these our text has been taken. Where the originals could not be found, the later copy has been used, as the margin indicates.

The original engagement of the Associators, preserved under glass at Annapolis, consists of two pieces, apparently torn apart, and pasted down on card-board. On our p. 67 the order of names and arrangement of columns have been preserved, though not the spacing; and the division of the pieces falls just below the names of Joseph Sim, Thomas Dorsey, and Charles Ridgely.

On comparing these signatures with the Journal, 29 names will be found to be missing, viz: Philip Richard Fendall of Charles Co.; Alexander Somerville of Calvert; George Lee and Dr Richard Brooke of Prince George's; Thomas Tillard and John Dorsey of Anne Arundel; Walter Tolly, James Gittings, and Charles Ridgely of John, of Baltimore; Charles Beatty, Baker Johnson, Jacob Funk, Samuel Beall, and Wm. Deakins, Jr., of Frederick; Samuel Durham, Saml. Ashmead, John Beall Howard, Francis Holland, Benjamin Rumsey, and James McComas, of Harford; Joseph Gilpin and William Rumsey, of Cecil; Richard Lloyd of Kent; John Wallace and John Brown, of Queen Anne's; Robert Harrison of Dorchester; Benson Stainton of Caroline; Josiah Polk of Somerset; Peter Chaille of Worcester.

Now when we note that amongst these 29 were some of the most active and assiduous members of the Convention, and that 21 of them had, as the Journal shows, no leave of absence, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that a portion of the document has been lost. It will be observed that the arrangement is generally by counties, and the break in the paper comes between Prince George's and Queen Anne's, between Anne Arundel and Dorchester, and between Baltimore and Worcester; a fact which confirms the editor's belief that a piece has fallen out between the upper and lower portions as now joined.

NOTES.

Page 4, line 19. "Samuel Adams," a mistake of the clerk for "Samuel Handy."

Page 66, line 18. "W. Sprigg Wootton" should be "Th. Sprigg Wootton."

Page 127, line 32. "Galton" should be "Dalton."

Page 161, line 21. Letter torn.

Page 162, line 10. Numbers duplicated in original.

Page 172, line 13. "Nassonbaugh" for "Massenbach."

Page 183, line 36. "Twener" for "Turner."

Page 189, line 41. "Dr G." for "Sir G."

Page 197, line 41. "muarying," *sic.* Qy., "managing."

Page 201, line 36. Letter not in original letter-book.

Page 218, line 1. No doubt No. 44, but not in letter-book.

Page 251, line 15. "proved", *sic.* Perhaps "provided."

Page 252, line 30. "Jon^a" for "Jos^a".

Page 253, line 22. "Wild Dick" for "Wild Duck."

Page 264, line 19. "George" should be "John."

Page 264, line 24. The clerk, after writing "End of the First Book," found he had omitted part of Tuesday's proceedings.

Page 267, line 11. Letter torn.

Page 269, line 29. "Rumsey" for "Ramsey."

Page 270, line 19. "esterne," perhaps "entrance."

Page 285, line 26. "Joseph" for "Joshua."

Page 312, line 1. Rates of pay left blank in original.

Page 315, line 29. "in name" for "in my name."

Page 317, line 18. "Wicked Dick" for "Wild Duck."

Page 341, line 35. The marginal note here and on pp. 343, 345, should read "Original Copy." That is, the text is taken from the copies made by Du Vall, with Eden's permission. The text of Germain's letters is from the copy sent by the Virginia Committee.

Page 382, line 3. The original rough minute of this Examination is more correct here. To Q. 56 Purviance first answers "No;" but when it is asked again, "Recollected he did;" and then follows the full answer as above.

Page 449, lines 9, 16. "Sheap" should perhaps be "Sheaf," and "Gehe," "Guthro," as on p. 467.

Page 490, line 10. Words in brackets from later copy.

Page 491, line 26. "biting," *sic.*

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At a Meeting of the Delegates appointed by the Several Counties of the Province of Maryland, at Annapolis, on Wednesday the 26th of July 1775

Were present

For Saint Mary's County
John Reeder, Junr
Richard Barnes
Jeremiah Jordan

Charles County
William Smallwood
Robert T. Hooe
John H. Stone
Daniel Jenifer
William Harrison
Samuel Hanson Junr

Calvert County
Edward Gantt
Samuel Chew
Edward Reynolds
Benjamin Mackall 4th

Prince George's County
Osborn Sprigg
Benjamin Hall
Thomas Gantt Junr
George Lee
Thomas Contee
Robert Tyler
Colo Joshua Beall
John Contee
Wm Bowie

Ann Arundel County
Samuel Chase
Thomas Johnson

Harford County
Richard Dallam
Samuel Durham

Cæcil County
John Veazey Junr
Joseph Gilpin
John D. Thompson
John Cox
Peter Lawson

Kent County
Wm Ringgold
Colo Rd Lloyd
Thomas Smyth
Joseph Earle
Thos B. Hands

Queen Ann's County
Turbutt Wright
James Tilghman
Thomas Wright
Dr John Wallace

Talbot County
Matthew Tilghman
James Lloyd Chamberlaine
Nicholas Thomas
Colo Edward Lloyd
Wm Hindman
Richard Tilghman
Peregrine Tilghman
James Benson

C. J. John Hall
Dr Ephraim Howard
Charles Carroll Bar^r
Charles Carroll Car^n
Thomas Dorsey
Thomas Tillard
John Dorsey

Baltimore County
Charles Ridgely son of John
Benjamin Nicholson
Wm Buchanan
Jeremiah T. Chase
John Cradock

Frederick County
Henry Griffith
Charles Beatty
Baker Johnson
Richard Brooke
Jacob Funk
John Hanson Junr
Col^o Saml Beall
Wm Deakins Junr

Dorchester County
Robert Goldsborough
James Murray

Caroline County
Nathaniel Potter
Joshua Clarke
Peter Adams
Richard Mason.

Somerset County
William Waters
Josiah Polk
George Dashiell
John Steward

Worcester County.
Samuel Adams

Thursday 27. July

Met according to adjournment

Thomas Bond and Samuel Ashmead appeared for Harford County

Col^o Henry Hooper, Capt. Thomas Ennalls and Robert Harrison for Dorchester County.

William Paca and Rezin Hammond for Ann Arundel County.

Thomas Ringgold for Kent County

James Hollyday & John Brown for Queen Ann's County

Walter Bowie, Dr Richard Brooke & David Crawford for Prince George's County

Thomas Harrison for Baltimore County.

Thomas Stone and John Dent for Charles County.

Dr Thomas Sprigg Wootten & Thomas Cramphin Junr for Frederick County.

Francis Baker for Talbot County.

Resolved. That the Rules observed at the last Convention, be observed by the present Convention.

On motion, Resolved; That a Committee be appointed to consider of the ways and means to put this Province into the best State of Defence, and report their opinion to this Convention, and that the same consist of nine Gentlemen. C. J.

Resolved, That the Honble Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Samuel Chase, Robert Goldsborough, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and James Hollyday Esquires be a Committee for the above purpose.

Convention adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

Friday July 28.

Met according to adjournment.

Benedict Edward Hall, John Beale Howard, Francis Holland and Benjamin Rumsey appeared for Harford County.

Dr William Molleston and Benson Stainton for Caroline County.

Nathaniel Ramsay and William Rumsey for Cecil County.

Josias Beall for Prince Georges County.

Alexander Somerville for Calvert County.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington for Ann Arundel County.

The petition of Patrick Graham of Charles County, Taylor, praying a "Remission of the Sentence of the Committee of Charles County, and that he might be restored to the privileges of a Citizen" being read and considered, It is thereupon Resolved, that the said Patrick Graham be allowed to exercise his former Trade of a Taylor, and that he also be permitted to buy provisions and other necessaries for the use of his family; And that the said Patrick Graham be allowed and permitted to collect, and receive all just Debts due to him; and that all persons be permitted to employ the said Patrick Graham as a Taylor, and to sell him provisions and other necessaries for his Family. But that the said Patrick Graham be not allowed to carry on any Traffick or merchandize, until it be otherwise resolved by this, or some future Convention (N° 1.)

Saturday July 29.

Met according to adjournment

Darby Lux appeared for Baltimore County.

Stephen West for Prince Georges County.

Matthias Hammond for Ann Arundel County.

John Allen Thomas for Saint Mary's County.

On Motion, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the practicability of establishing a Manufactory of

C. J. Arms in this Province, and the expence and best mode to carry the same into Execution; and that Charles Beatty, Stephen West, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Murray, William Buchanan, John Hanson and William Deakins be a Committee for that purpose.

The petition of John Bailley and Alexander Ogg were read the first Time & ordered to lie on the Table (No^{s} 2 & 3)

Convention adjourns 'till Monday morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday, 31 July 1775

Met according to adjournment

Richard Tilghman Earle appeared for Queen Ann's County.

Ignatius Wheeler Junr and William Webb for Harford County.

Joseph Nicholson Junr for Kent County

James Maccomas for Harford County.

This Convention being informed that a Brig of Christopher Lowndes of Prince George's County, lately cleared out from this Province for Barbadoes, was seised and carried into Boston by some Officer or Officers of His Majestys Ships of War, stationed there; and considering it as a matter of the last importance, that the truth of this fact be enquired into and known; Do recommend it to the General Committee of Observation for Prince George's County, immediately to call before them all witnesses who may have any knowledge of the said Transaction, and also to summon the said Christopher Lowndes to appear before the said Committee, bringing with him all papers relative to the said Vessel, and in particular a Letter said to have been Wrote to him by Henry Lloyd of Boston, concerning the same Vessel; and pass Judgment whether any collusion has been committed or not, and if the said Committee shall adjudge that there has been any collusion, that in such case the person or persons guilty thereof be sent with the Judgment and Evidence to this Convention, or in their Recess to the Council of Safety, hereafter to be appointed (N° 3)

Signed by order of the Convention
Mat. Tilghman, Chairman

On Motion, Resolved, That the value of £5900, common money be borrowed on the credit of this Convention to be laid out in the purchase of 48 Tons of Lead, one hundred pounds value in Gun-Flints, two Tons of Cannon powder, and the residue of the said sum in Musquetry powder, for the use of

this Province, to be repaid out of the first notes of Credit to be issued by this Convention. C. J.

Resolved, That Robert Townsend Hooe, Thomas Ringgold and James Lloyd Chamberlaine be a Committee to lay out the said money.

Resolved, That the Lenders of the said money when the same shall be lent in Bills of Exchange, be paid by the Treasurer to be appointed, out of the notes of credit to be issued, at such Exchange, not less than at the rate of one hundred & fifty pounds, in Dollars, at seven shillings and sixpence each, for one hundred pounds sterling, as shall be agreed on between the Lenders respectively and the said Treasurer. And if they cannot agree on the Exchange, that then the Treasurer shall with the said Notes of Credit, purchase good London Bills of Exchange payable at same sight as expressed in the Receits given to the respective Lenders, and pay the same to the Lenders, and that the public Treasurer indorse and be answerable, on behalf of the Province for the payment of such Bills of Exchange.

Resolved, That the Bills of Exchange borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, be drawn or endorsed payable to the said Robert Townsend Hooe, Thomas Ringgold and James Lloyd Chamberlaine, or some one of them, and that their or any of their Receipts for the Money or Bills so lent, shall be a sufficient voucher for the Treasurer's payment of the Money advanced.

Resolved, That the said Robert Townsend Hooe, Thomas Ringgold and James Lloyd Chamberlaine, be indemnified for their Indorsements of the said Bills of Exchange, as well as any loss they may sustain by negotiating the said Business, with which they are entrusted, or any expense they may be at therein.

A Letter from the Virginia Convention with a Resolve of said Convention therein enclosed was read and ordered to lie on the Table (N° 4)

Ordered that the said Letter and Resolve be taken into consideration early Tomorrow morning.

Convention adjourns till Tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock

Tuesday 1st August.

Met according to adjournment

John Stevens appeared for Caroline County.

John Moale for Baltimore County.

Thomas Sim Lee and John Rogers for Prince Georges County, and Solomon Wright for Queen Anns County.

C. J. William Hopper for Caroline County
Peter Chaillie for Worcester County.

On motion, Resolved, That any person or persons who shall hereafter import into this Province any Arms or Ammunition, shall be at liberty to sell the same to the Inhabitants for any Price they can agree for.

Ordered, that the Honble Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson Junr Samuel Chase, William Paca, Robert Goldsborough, John Hall and Thomas Stone Esqrs be a Committee to prepare a Letter to the Convention of Virginia, assigning the reasons why this Convention will not accede to their Resolution.

The Committee prepared the following Letter, to wit.

In Provincial Convention Annapolis 1st Augt 1775

Gentlemen,

The Resolution of your Convention, That no Flour, wheat, or other grain, or Provisions of any kind should be exported from your Colony, to any part of the World, after the fifth day of August, came to hand by your Express yesterday afternoon. The Delegates from this Province have communicated to this Convention, That the utility & propriety of stopping exports had been fully considered by the Congress, and that they had not thought proper to stop the exports before the tenth day of September. We have received information that the Congress intended to adjourn the beginning of this Week, so that this subject cannot again be brought before them.

This Convention on mature consideration do not see that the advantages to the common cause, by an immediate Stoppage of the Export of provisions, could equal the inconveniences and Distresses of individuals which would certainly be occasioned thereby nor that any Distress could be brought on the common enemy, by our coming into your Resolution without the accession of the Colonies of Pennsylvania and New York, which cannot be brought about sooner than the 10th of September, as the Convention of New York will probably rise about the same time as the Congress; and the Assembly of Pennsylvania hath already adjourned. For these reasons we have unanimously resolved not to prohibit Exports before that Day.

We are with great respect
Your mo. obdt Servants
Mat. Tilghman
Chairman

By order of the Convention
To the Honble Convention of Virginia

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday 2d August. C. J.

Met according to adjournment

John Waters appeared for Somerset County.

On Motion Resolved, That a Committee of seven members of this Convention be appointed to consider of a proper mode to be adopted to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province being harrassed with suits at law, and for laying such restriction on the proceedings of the Courts of Law as may be necessary and expedient in the present circumstances of this Province, and that John Hall, John Rogers, James Tilghman, Thomas Bedingfield Hands Nicholas Thomas, Joseph Earle and Jeremiah Townley Chase, be a committee for the above purposes.

William Hopper appeared for Caroline County.

The Petition of Archibald Campbell and William Lilburn was read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table (N° 5.)

Walter Tolley junr and James Gittings appeared for Baltimore County.

Convention adjourns till Tomorrow morning 11 o'Clock

Thursday 3d August

Met according to adjournment

Zadock Purnell and William Morris appeared for Worcester County.

Upon reading the Petition of Archibald Campbell and William Lilburn, and considering the Resolution of the Committee of Saint Mary's County, Resolved, that the said Archibald Campbell and William Lilburn have not been guilty of a breach of the Resolve of the late Convention, and therefore that no further proceedings be had against them.

On motion, Ordered, That Mr James Christie Junr of Baltimore Town attend this Convention on Saturday next to answer a complaint exhibited against him before the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, and referred by the Continental Congress to this Convention for their determination (N° 6)

Colo Richard Lloyd and Dr Richard Brooke have leave of absence.

On motion Resolved, That an alteration be made in the Resolve of December Convention, relative to the killing of Lamb.

Resolved, that the resolution of this Province "that no person ought to kill Lamb, dropt before the first day of May yearly, or other Sheep, after the first day of January then next, under four years of age" be repealed so far as relates to kill-

C. J. ing of Lamb; but it is earnestly recommended that the Continental Resolve respecting the killing of Sheep be most strictly observed.

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday 4th August

Met according to adjournment

Jacob Funk has leave of Absence

Robert Alexander and Charles Ridgely, son of William appeared for Baltimore County. Philip Richard Fendall for Charles County.

William Richardson and Henry Dickinson for Caroline County.

Upton Sheredine for Frederick County.

A Copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Committee of Caroline County, dated August 2^{d} 1775 were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table (N° 7)

Mr Gittings and Mr Turbutt Wright have leave of absence.

It being represented to this Convention that M^{r}. William Neale is prosecuting a scheme for importing about two Hundred Barrels of Powder, and that he is willing to dispose of the same to the Public on its arrival, at the Rate of sixteen pounds common money per Hundred:

Resolved, that on the delivery of 200 Barrels of good Gun powder, or any less quantity, by the said William Neale, he be paid therefore at the said Rate, out of the Bills of Credit to be issued by this Convention: And further that if the said William Neale will import and deliver good and substantial Musquets, Bayonets & accoutrements, for arming any number, not exceeding five Hundred Soldiers, then on the delivery of them he shall be paid a generous price therefor, out of the said Bills of Credit.

Resolved That this Convention will replace any arms, or powder or lead that may be delivered to the order of Messrs Samuel Purviance Junior, William Smith and David Stewart, or any two of them, by the people of Bermuda; or will pay the just and full value thereof at farthest, as soon as America shall be in a settled State.

Resolved, That if any persons will lend and advance to the Public any sums of money not exceeding in the whole four thousand pounds common money, and will pay the same into the hands of Messrs Purviance, Smith & Stewart, to be by them laid out in the purchase and importation of Gunpowder and good substantial musquets, Bayonets, and accoutrements for Soldiers for the use of this Province, the Lenders shall be

repaid their money out of the Bills of Credit to be issued, or if Bills of Exchange shall be lent, then the same shall be repaid in the same manner as the other loans of Bills of Exchange to this Convention. C. J.

The Petition of Richard Henderson of Bladensburgh was read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table (N° 8)

Turbutt Wright and Walter Tolley have leave of absence.

On reading and considering the Petition of Richard Henderson of Bladensburgh, setting forth his apprehensions, that some people of the neighbourhood of that place, if not advised to the contrary by this Convention may do violence to his person or property, on account of his becoming security for the appearance of George Munro, who hath absconded. It is Resolved, to be the sense of this Convention, that all persons refrain from all manner of violence to the said Richard Henderson and his property, on the occasion before mentioned; And that the Committee of observation for Prince George's County are hereby empowered to determine and certify to this Convention, whether the said Richard Henderson did collude with, or in any manner promote the said George Munro in his said Escape; on which this Convention will take order therein. And this Convention strongly impressed with an idea of the confusion and disorder which must inevitably ensue, and the disunion which must necessarily follow, from the people at large being collected and inflicting punishments before a cool and temperate investigation of the case; and consequently the injury which may be thereby done to the common cause of Liberty, confide, that the Virtue of the people, and their attachment to the liberties of America, will guard them against a commission of the Excess apprehended.

Convention adjourns till to morrow morning 8 o'Clock.

Saturday 5th. August.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr Josias Beall, Mr Walter Bowie & Col° Samuel Beall have leave of Absence.

Mr Baker, Mr Wootton, Mr Thomas Ringgold and Mr Richard Brooke have leave of absence till Monday next.

The memorial of James Christie Junr of Baltimore Town, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table (N° 9)

Convention adjourns till Monday twelve o'Clock.

C. J. Monday 7th August

Met according to adjournment

Gustavus Scott appeared for Somerset County.

The memorial of James Christie Junr of Baltimore Town was read; and upon reading the Letter of the said James Christie therein referred to, dated the 22d of February 1775, to Gabriel Christie, Lieutenant Colonel of the 60th Regiment in which the said Christie represented the inhabitants of that Town, as concerned in measures, in his opinion, treasonable and rebellious; and that a number of Soldiers would keep them very quiet; the same was considered by this Convention and thereupon it is Resolved, that the said James Christie, by the said Letter hath manifested a spirit & principle altogether inimical to the Rights and Liberties of America; that the said James Christie by insinuating the necessity of introducing a Military Force into this Province, has manifested an inveterate enmity to the Liberties of this Province in particular, and of British America in general.

Therefore Resolved, that the said James Christie is, and ought to be considered as an enemy to America, and that no person trade, deal or barter with him hereafter unless for necessaries and provisions, or for the sale or purchase of any part of his real or personal Estate, of which he may at this time be seised or possessed.

Resolved that the said James Christie be Expelled and banished this Province for ever, and that he depart this Province before the first Day of September next.

Resolved, That no punishment be inflicted on the said James Christie other than what is now directed by this Convention.

Resolved, That the said James Christie deposit in the Hands of this Convention, or into the hands of such person or persons as they shall appoint, the sum of five hundred pounds sterling, to be expended occasionally towards his proportion of all Charges and Expenses incurred, or to be incurred, for the defence of America, during the present contest with Great Britain; the overplus, if any, after a Reconciliation shall happily be effected, to be returned to the said James Christie.

Resolved, That the £500 Sterling is to be good in Sterling, or other money at par: That the Resolutions of the Committee of Baltimore County are, by the determinations of this Convention superseded; and that therefore the said James Christie may negotiate his Bills of Exchange, and that he may assign, or he, or any person for him, may collect the debts due to him in the same manner as other persons may negotiate their Bills of Exchange, or assign, or collect their Debts.

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock

Tuesday 8th August. C. J.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved, That the £500 Sterling to be deposited by James Christie be paid into the hands of Mr Thomas Harwood.

Ordered, That the Resolutions respecting Mr Christie be published in the next Gazette, and that the Clerk furnish the Printer with a Copy thereof.

Joseph Sim appeared for Prince George's County.

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday 9th August.

Met according to adjournment.

Thomas Cramphin and John Cradock have leave of Absence.

The Committee appointed to consider of the Ways and means to put this Province into the best State of defence, bring in their report which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Charles Beatty has leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till Tomorrow morning 8 o'Clock

Thursday 10th August

Met according to adjournment.

William Currier and Charles Rumsey appeared for Cecil County.

John Dent has leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 6 o'Clock

Friday 11th August.

Met according to adjournment

On motion, Resolved, That the overplus of money subscribed by this Convention be laid out in the purchase of Arms by Mess. Robert Townsend Hooe, Thomas Ringgold and James Lloyd Chamberlaine.

Peter Chaille has leave of absence.

A Letter from Messrs William Lux and Matthew Ridley was read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table. (N° 10.)

On reading and considering the memorial of Messrs Lux and Ridley, of Baltimore Town, merchants, relative to the Brig Nancy, Capt. Sims; Resolved, that the prayer of the said

C. J. memorial be granted, on proof of the allegations therein being made to the Committee of observation for Baltimore County, who are hereby empowered to examine and take the said proof, and if the said Vessel shall not be reladen and depart before 10th day of September next, then oath to be made before her departure, by the Captain and Mate, that no commodities, goods, wares or merchandise, is or shall be laden on board for Exportation, other than such as shall have been laden on Board, as part of her Cargo, before the said 10th day of September, and shall have been relanded.

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 7 o'Clock

Saturday 12th. August

Met according to adjournment.

Mr Josias Beal & Mr Thomas Ringgold have leave of absence.

The Petition of John Baillie was read a second time, and rejected.

On a Second reading of the Representation from the Committee for Caroline County, relative to John Williams, Resolved, that the said Committee be directed to admonish the said John Williams, as to his future behaviour, and discharge him from further confinement, upon his paying the Expenses of his imprisonment, to be ascertained by the said Committee, and that in case of his future misbehaviour, they proceed with him, according to the Resolves of this Convention.

The Petition of Alexander Ogg, of Calvert County, was read a second time, and granted.

Convention adjourns till Monday Morning 7 o'Clock.

Monday 14th. Augt

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations established by the Continental Congress for the government of the Continental Army, be published with the proceedings of this Convention (N° 11.)

Ordered, That the Gentlemen appointed to receive monies for the purchase of Arms and Ammunition, return a list thereof to the Treasurer of each Shore.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of each Shore pay the sums of money advanced, agreeable to such List, to the Residents of their respective Shores.

Ordered, That out of the public Arms in possession of Colonels Joshua Beall, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, and

Henry Hooper, a quantity of Arms with a proportion of Lead and Ammunition sufficient for a Company, be by them delivered to such Captain of Minute-Men, as the Council of Safety shall direct. C. J.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the practicability of establishing a manufactory of Arms in this Province, and the Expense and best mode to carry the same into Execution, bring in their Report, which was read a first and second time and referred for Consideration to the next Provincial Convention (N° 12.)

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Report which was read on Wednesday last, which was debated by paragraphs, several amendments made and the following parts agreed to.

Resolved unanimously, That the following Association be signed by the Members of this Convention, and by all other the Freemen of this Province (N° 13.)

Association of the Freemen of Maryland 26th July 1775.

The long premeditated, and now avowed Design of the British Government, to raise a Revenue from the property of the Colonists without their consent, on the gift, grant and disposition of the Commons of Great Britain, the arbitrary and vindictive statutes passed under colour of punishing a Riot, to subdue by Military force, and by Famine, the Massachusetts Bay; the unlimited power assumed by Parliament to alter the Charter of that Province, and the Constitution of all the Colonies, thereby destroying the essential securities of the Lives, Liberties and properties of the Colonists; the Commencement of hostilities by the Ministerial Forces, and the cruel prosecution of the War against the people of the Massachusetts Bay, followed by General Gage's proclamation, declaring almost the whole of the Inhabitants of the United Colonies, by name, or description, Rebels and Traitors, are sufficient causes to arm a free people in defence of their Liberty, and to justify resistance, no longer dictated by prudence merely, but by necessity, and leave no alternative but base submission or manly opposition to uncontroulable Tyranny. The Congress chose the latter, and for the express purpose of securing & defending the United Colonies and preserving them in Safety, against all attempts to carry the above mentioned Acts into Execution by Force of Arms, Resolved, that the said Colonies be immediately put into a State of Defence, and now supports at the joint expense, an army to restrain the further violence and repel the future attacks of a disappointed and exasperated Enemy.—We therefore, Inhabitants of the Province of Maryland, firmly persuaded that it is necessary and

C. J. justifiable to repel Force by Force, do approve of the opposition by arms to the British Troops employed to enforce obedience to the late acts and statutes of the British Parliament, for raising a Revenue in America, and altering and changing the Charter and Constitution of the Massachusetts Bay, and for destroying the essential securities for the Lives, Liberties and properties of the Subjects in the United Colonies.

And We do unite and associate, as one Band & firmly and solemnly engage and pledge ourselves to each other and to America, that we will, to the utmost of our power, promote and support the present opposition, carrying on as well by Arms, as by the Continental Association restraining our Commerce.—

And as in these times of Public danger, and until a Reconcilliation with Great Britain on Constitutional Principles is effected (an event, we most ardently wish may soon take place) the energy of Government may be greatly impaired, so that even Zeal unrestrained may be productive of Anarchy & confusion; We do in like manner unite, associate and solemnly engage, in maintenance of good order, and the public peace, to support the civil power in the due execution of the Laws, so far as may be consistent with the present plan of opposition, and to defend with our utmost power all persons from every species of outrage to themselves or their property, and to prevent any punishment, from being inflicted on any offenders, other than such, as shall be adjudged by the Civil Magistrate, the Continental Congress, our Convention, Council of Safety, or Committees of observation.

That the Committees of Observation, in every County, as soon as conveniently may be, appoint persons in each Parish, or Hundred, to offer or carry the said Association to all Freemen resident within their County, (the Household of His Excellency the Governor excepted) and require their subscription to the same, which Associations, when subscribed shall be returned by the Committees to the Convention. And in case any Freeman within their County, shall not subscribe upon application, or within ten days thereafter, his name shall be returned by the said Committee to the next Convention, to the end that the Convention may take order therein.

Resolved, That there be forty Companies of Minute men enrolled in this Province, as soon as may be, each of which companies to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, one Fifer and 68 privates; and that the said forty companies be enrolled in the Counties and proportions following, to wit:

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In Worcester	1	Saint Marys	2	C. J.
Somerset	1	Calvert	1	
Dorchester	2	Charles	3	
Talbot	1	Prince George's	3	
Caroline	1	Ann Arundel	4	
Queen Anns	2	Baltimore	5	
Kent	1	Harford	3	
Cecil	2	Frederick	8	
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And that for the enrolment of every such Company, a proper person be appointed by the Committee of each respective County, to enlist a sufficient number of men, who shall voluntarily offer themselves to make up the non-commissioned Officers and privates of each of the said Companies, for their respective County, in the enrolment of whom, care shall be had, that the men be strong and effective, and live as convenient may be for their frequent and ready assembling and exercising together.

That the form of the Enrolment of Minute-men be as follows, to wit. "We whose names are subscribed, do hereby enrol ourselves into a Company of Minute-men for County, agreeable to the Resolutions of the Provincial Convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July 1775, to continue such until the first day of March next; and engage that we will respectively march to such places, either in this, or the neighbouring Colonies, and at such times as we shall be commanded by the Convention, or the Council of Safety of this Province, or by our Officers in pursuance of the orders of the said Convention or Council, and that we will respectively fight with, and employ the Arms wherewith we are entrusted, for the preservation of American Liberty, against whomsoever we shall be commanded by such Authority as aforesaid, with our whole power. Witness our hands this Day of 1775."

That each Company as soon as enrolled and viewed and allowed by the Committee of their County, or by such person, or persons as shall be appointed by such Committee for that purpose, shall elect and choose their proper officers by Ballot, who shall be appointed and commissioned by the Delegates of this Province sitting in Convention, or at any time when they are not sitting in Convention by the Council of Safety, in the name of the Convention.

C. J. That the said Companies in Frederick County compose one Battalion, those in Baltimore and Harford Counties jointly another, and those in Saint Marys, Charles and Prince Georges Counties jointly another; and that to each of the same Batalions, there be one Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, one Quarter Master and one Adjutant, appointed and commissioned as aforesaid, by the Convention or Council of Safety.

That as soon as conveniently may be, after the Officers to the said Battalions on the Western Shore are commissioned, eight men be drafted from every Company of the said Battalions, to compose one Company of Light Infantry to each Battalion; to which Company, the Convention or Council of Safety, shall as aforesaid appoint and Commission, one Captain, two Lieutenants and one Ensign; and the Captain of each Company of Light Infantry may appoint non-commissioned Officers thereto.

That all the Officers of the said Minute-men rank according to their commissions, and the dates or priority thereof.

That the Minute-men be exercised two days in every week, and that for one of those days, each of the non-commissioned Officers and privates be allowed two shillings and sixpence common money.

That each of the said Battalions in Frederick and Baltimore and Harford Counties be exercised in Battalion at such convenient times and places as shall be appointed by the Field Officers of the respective Battalion, every of which times being accounted as one of the two days of exercise, and that the said other Companies of Minute-men exercise with some Battalion of Militia, at the times of their being exercised in Battalion, in their respective County; and as to this purpose, be subject to the commands of the Field Officers of such Battalion.

That until other Arms are provided, the Minute-men exercise with their own Firelocks, but that as soon as others can be provided by the Public, each Colonel have delivered to him, Firelocks, with Steel Ramrods and bayonets, Cartouch boxes, Worms Priming Wires and brushes fitted thereto, and flints sufficient for his Battalion, and he shall deliver to each Captain in his Battalion, sufficient for his Company, who shall deliver and distribute the same to his Company, Receipts of all which deliveries shall be given; the men being answerable to the Captains, the Captains to the Colonels and the Colonels to the Convention, for the Return of the said Arms and accoutrements in good order, unless prevented by unavoidable accidents.

That the Companies of Minute-men not so joined in Battalion, be armed and provided, and the Captains and men of those Companies responsible for a return of the public Arms and

accoutrements in the same manner as the men of the Battalions are to be armed and provided, and their Colonels and they are as aforesaid responsible. C. J.

That every able bodied effective Freeman within this Province between Sixteen and fifty years of age, (Clergymen of all denominations, practising physicians, the Household of His Excellency the Governor, Minute and Artillery men, and such persons who from their religious principles cannot bear arms in any case, excepted) as soon as may be, and at farthest before the fifteenth day of September next, shall enrol himself in some Company of Militia, in the following Form to wit, "We whose names are subscribed do hereby enrol ourselves into a Company of Militia, agreeable to the Resolutions of the Provincial Convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July 1775, and we do promise and engage, that we will respectively march to such places within this Province, and at such times as we shall be commanded by the Convention or the Council of Safety of this Province, or by our Officers in pursuance of the orders of the said Convention or Council; and there, with our whole power fight against whomsoever we shall be commanded by such authority as aforesaid. Witness our Hands this day of 1775.

That each Company of Militia consist of such Officers as are recommended by former Resolutions of the Convention, and of about 68 privates.

That each Company already formed, if it now is, or before the fifteenth day of September next shall be made up to fifty privates or upwards, and shall have subscribed the said form of enrolment, shall confirm their Election of Officers already made, or elect others in their stead, by Ballot, as they shall think proper; and that officers be so chosen for all Companies which shall be hereafter formed, as recommended by the said former Resolves; after which confirmation and Elections, and before the first day of October next, each Captain of Militia shall transmit a Roll of his Company to the Committee of Observation, which shall be appointed for his County, who shall as soon as may be, transmit a memorandum or certificate of the names of the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, and of the numbers of non-commissioned Officers and privates, to the Council of Safety, in order that commissions may issue in the name of the Convention, to those Officers, which shall be done by the same convention, or Council of Safety as aforesaid.

That no Company shall exceed the number of 74 Privates, or consist of less than fifty, and if a greater number than 74 shall be enrolled in any one Company, then the Enrolment of any, after the first 68 effective privates, shall be deemed void; and such shall enrol in some other Company; and if a number

C. J. of men shall be enrolled not amounting to fifty privates besides sufficient for non-commissioned Officers for any one Company, they shall not be considered as a Company: yet as the local circumstances of some neighbourhoods, may make it very inconvenient for a full Company of Militia to meet weekly for Exercise, on one and the same place, in such case, the Officers may appoint two places, at each of which, a several part of the Company may be mustered, not oftener than three times out of four, so that every fourth time at least the whole be mustered together.

That no Company be permitted to choose officers before a sufficient number of men be enrolled to make up 50 privates besides non-commissioned Officers.

That after enrolment in pursuance of these Resolves, no man be permitted to leave the Company in which he shall have been enrolled without the consent of his Captain in writing.

That the Committee of Observation in each County make diligent enquiry after, and transmit to the Convention, or Council of Safety, the name of every able bodied effective Freeman, as aforesaid in their respective County, if there shall be any such, who shall not enrol himself, either as a Minute, or Artillery man, or in the Militia, according to the preceding Resolves; to the end that the Convention may take order therein; against whom no further proceedings or measures shall be taken, but by the future order of the Convention.

That the Committee of observation for each County shall divide the Militia of their County into Battalions or Companies of Light Infantry, each of which Battalions to consist of such eight Companies of Militia, as the same Committee shall appoint; and the same Committee also assigning to each Battalion one Company of Light Infantry, which Light Infantry, shall be armed in such manner, as the Council of Safety shall direct, and that to each of the said Battalions, there be one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, one Quarter master and one adjutant who shall be appointed and commissioned by the Delegates of this Province sitting in Convention, or at any time when they are not sitting in Convention, by the Council of Safety, in the name of the Convention; which Officers shall rank and martial the Companies of their respective Battalions.

That every Company of Militia be exercised one day in every week, and that every Battalion of Militia be exercised in Battalion, at such times and places as the Field Officers of the Battalion shall appoint; not oftener than once in every month, nor seldomer than once in every two months, the day of exercise in Battalion being accounted as the day of exercise for that week.

That the Colonel of every Battalion of Minute-men and C. J.
Militia, shall employ a skillful and able Adjutant for his Battalion, who shall train and Exercise the Battalion, and the several Companies thereof, according to the directions of the Colonel, and shall receive for a month of thirty days, sixteen dollars; and that the Companies of minute-men not formed in Battalion, as to the purpose of being trained and exercised by the Adjutant, be esteemed as a Company of the Battalion, with which they shall exercise as before directed.

That every Field and Commissioned Officer having no reasonable Excuse shall appear at the Time and place of Muster, and there do and perform his duty according to his Office and Station; and for every neglect or refusal, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding fifteen shillings, common money; to be adjudged, if a Field Officer, by the other Field officers present, or a majority of them; and if a Commissioned Officer, below the rank of a Field Officer, by the Commissioned Officers present, or a majority of them.

That every non commissioned Officer and private, of the Minute-men and Militia appear at the time and place appointed for their respective appearance for mustering, with his Firelock and other accoutrements in good order and then orderly, diligently and obediently to attend to instruction and perform his Exercise in Arms, according to the Commands and orders of his Officers; and if any Minute or Militia-man shall not appear at the time and place of Muster with his Firelock and other accoutrements in good order, having no reasonable excuse, or shall not there, after appearance, behave himself decently, or in a manner, suitable to the attention and care requisite in such Exercise, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five shillings Common money, for every such neglect or misbehaviour; which shall be determined by the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, or any two of them either on their own View, or on Representation and proof thereof; and on non-payment shall be committed to the Custody of the Sergeant of his Company, till payment.

That if Complaint shall be made of gross misbehaviour, or Breach of Duty, of any Commissioned Officer, by any Committee of Observation, or any two Commissioned Officers of the Corps or Company to which such Officer, against whom complaint shall be made, doth belong, or by any one Officer of Superior or Equal rank to the Officer Complained against, then the Council of Safety may appoint a Court Martial, to consist of not less than five, nor more than nine of the Commissioned Officers of the same Corps or County, who or a majority of whom shall hear, try, determine and give Sentence on such Officer, so that the same Sentence extend not further

C. J. than to a pecuniary fine, not exceeding Ten pounds common money, or to a public and solemn acknowledgment of the fault of the offending Officer, or to a Suspension or loss of his Military Commission; which sentence being transmitted to and approved by the Council of Safety, shall be accordingly executed.

That all Fines on Officers of inferior Rank to a Field officer and also on non-commissioned Officers and privates shall be to the use of the Company to which such person belongs, and that all fines on Field Officers be to the use of the Battalion to which they respectively belong.

That if any Company or Corps of Minute-men, or Militia shall be called forth into actual service, the Officers and men respectively, who shall be so called forth, whilst they are in actual service, shall be subject and liable to the Rules and Regulations established by the Continental Congress for the government of the Continental Army, and shall for a month of thirty days, and so pro rato, be entitled to and receive the following pay to wit

A Colonel	£20 common money
A Lieutenant Colonel	16
A Major	12
A Quarter Master	7. 10
An Adjutant	7. 10
Each Captain	9.
Each Lieutenant	7. 10
Each Ensign	6.
Each Sergeant	2. 10
Each Corporal	2. 5
Each Drummer	2. 5
Each Fifer	2. 5
Each private	1. 17. 6
A Surgeon	15.
Every Surgeon Assistant	7. 10

That if a sufficient number of men shall enroll to make up a Company of Artillery-men they may choose their proper Officers, who shall be commissioned as aforesaid and subject to the same Rules as the Militia.

And Whereas it is absolutely necessary in this Time of imminent danger, that there should be some power existing which may superintend the execution of the orders and regulations of the Convention, and occasionally from time to time promote the prudent and necessary preparations for defence, and in case of necessity call forth a due proportion, or even the whole of the Force of the Province in an orderly and regu-

lar manner, whereby the strength of the whole will be greatly increased in the common defence, and the Rights and Liberties of all better secured. C. J.

Resolved, That sixteen persons, eight of whom residing on the Western and eight on the Eastern Shore, shall be chosen by Ballot, by this Convention, and be stiled and denominated The Council of Safety of Maryland.

That any nine or more of the said Council of Safety convened, or the Major part of them, direct and regulate the operations of the Minute-men and Militia; and may as aforesaid, grant all Military Commissions, appoint and Commission Field Officers, and appoint and regulate the rank of all Military Officers; and in the recess of the Convention call forth the Minute-men into action in any place or places in this Province, or the neighbouring Colonies; and the Militia into action in any place or places in this Province, at such time and times, in such Proportions and on such occasions, as they may judge necessary, and do all such other matters and things for the securing and strengthening this Province, and for Providing for the defence thereof as they shall deem necessary and expedient, and execute such other powers as may be entrusted to them by the Convention of this Province.

That as at some times, a necessity for taking speedy measures may be so pressing that a delay till the Council of Safety could assemble together, would be highly dangerous, and many things of less moment, may well and more conveniently be transacted by a majority of members residing on the respective Shores; the members residing on either Shore respectively, or the major part of them, or of such of them as shall be in this Province, may not only grant Commissions for Court-Martials, when applied for, and hear, determine and punish high and dangerous Offences according to the Resolutions of this Convention, but may also in case of instant danger, or pressing necessity, call forth the Minute-men or Militia of their respective Shore; yet it is recommended, if time will permit, for the whole Council of Safety, or nine of them, to meet and consult together, that those of either Shore do not separately call forth the Minute-men or Militia; and that if time will not permit such meeting and consultation, then as soon after the separate act done as may be, the whole Council of Safety shall be summoned, and the orders and Resolutions of a majority of any nine, or more of them shall controul or govern; it being the intention of this Convention, that a joint Council, when the same can be held on things of moment, should have the supreme direction.

That any two or more of the said Council of Safety call a meeting of the members on their respective Shore, or of the whole.

C. J. That any officer of the Minute-men or Militia may be suspended from the Exercise of his Commission by the Council of Safety, or that Branch of it residing on the Shore whereon such Officer resides; or if the Council of Safety should think proper, they may upon full hearing displace any Field Officer, and appoint and Commission another in his stead; and that on the death, resignation or Removal of any Commissioned Officer, below the degree of a Field Officer, from his Office, the Council of Safety may appoint and commission another in his stead.

That the Council of Safety or either Branch thereof for Expenses incurred on its respective Shore, may from time to time draw orders on the Treasurer of their respective Shore for the Bills of Credit to be issued by Virtue of the Resolutions of the Convention, who shall accordingly pay such orders.

That the Council of Safety may, in case they shall think it necessary, summon and call the Convention to meet before the day, to which it may stand adjourned.

That the Council of Safety continue such until the next Convention, and no longer, and that they render an account of their proceedings, and always be subject to the controul of the Convention.

Resolved, in order to prevent an abuse of power from a continuance thereof in the same persons, that at each Convention, eight members of the preceding Council of Safety, four residing on the Eastern and four on the Western Shore, shall be ineligible to the succeeding Council, and that the said eight persons immediately before the choice of the new Council of Safety be ascertained by Ballot.

That for providing for the defence of this Province, and for encouraging and promoting the manufacture of Salt-petre, erecting of a Powder Mill and the several other purposes directed by this Convention, Resolved, that Bills of Credit of the denomination of Dollars, and parts of a Dollar, to the amount of 266,666 Dollars and two third parts of a Dollar be printed and struck with all convenient speed, under the care and direction of Messrs Thomas Hyde and William Wilkins, Supervisors in manner and form following, to wit;

"This Bill of shall entitle the Bearer hereof to receive Gold and Silver at the rate of four shillings and six pence sterling per Dollar, for the said Bill according to a Resolve of the Provincial Convention of Maryland, held at the City of Annapolis on the 26th day of July 1775."

That the said Bills shall have such devices and marks as the said Supervisors shall think proper, and the numbers of the said Bills as well as the denominations thereof, shall be the following and no other, to wit, Seven thousand and ninety six

Bills of Sixteen Dollars each, Seven thousand and ninety six C. J.
Bills of eight Dollars each, Seven thousand and ninety six
Bills of four Dollars each; Seven thousand and ninety six Bills
of Two Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar each; Ten thousand
five hundred and twelve Bills of one Dollar and two thirds of
a Dollar each; Ten thousand five hundred and twelve Bills of
one Dollar and one third of a Dollar each; Ten thousand five
hundred and twelve Bills of one Dollar each, and Ten thou-
sand five hundred and twelve Bills of two thirds of a Dollar
each.

That the Supervisors shall use the best of their care and dili-
gence that the said Bills according to their respective denomi-
nations aforesaid, and according to the manner and form afore-
said, be forthwith printed, and that the number of any of the
Denominations thereof be not exceeded, or any clandestine or
fraudulent practice used by the Printer, his apprentices, servants
or others concerned in printing thereof.

That the Printer and all his apprentices and servants, which
he may employ in the said work, before he or they enter upon
the same, take before some Justice of the peace, in the pres-
ence of one or both of the Supervisors, the following Oath to
wit: "I A. B. do swear that I will truly, faithfully and honestly
perform the duty of Printer of the Bills of Credit, directed to
be printed by a Resolve of the Convention of Maryland, and
that I will not advisedly print, or Stamp a greater number of
blank Bills of Credit than in that Resolve mentioned; or of
any other denominations than therein expressed, except such
sheets as may be so blotted, unfair, or imperfect in the impress-
ing or printing thereof, that the same shall be unfit for use.
So help me God"

That the Printer shall not by himself, servants or any other
person by him Employed, print, stamp, stitch or bind the said
Bills or any of them, but in the presence of one or both of the
said Supervisors; and in every intermission of the work, the
Supervisors shall safely and securely lock up the Press and
Stamps, with which the work shall be performed, and the
impressions that shall be then made, in the Room in which the
Printing and Binding shall be done, and the Keys of such
Room shall keep in their possession; and when all the said
Bills shall be Printed and Stamped, the Stamps shall be deliv-
ered by the Printer to the said Supervisors, and by them to the
Convention of this Province, or in their recess to the Council
of Safety.

That Charles Wallace, Joseph Davidson, Nathan Hammond,
Richard Tootell, James Brice, John Brice, Thomas Brooke
Hodgkin, John Duckett, Robert Lloyd Nicols, Samuel Sharpe,
Richard Tilghman Junr James Hindman, Peregrine Tilghman,

c. j. William Perry, Jeremiah Banning and Joseph Bruff, be Signers of the said Bills.

That the said Supervisors, as soon as the said Bills shall be printed, stamped, stitched, and bound, shall deliver three fourth parts thereof in Value to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, and the other fourth part thereof, in Value to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, and the said Treasurers shall deliver out to the signers residing on their respective Shore, sufficient of the said Bills, to be immediately numbered and signed by them, not only for payment of the money immediately demanded from them respectively, but also to the Amount of 3000 Dollars over and beyond the same; and each of the same Bills shall be signed and numbered by some two of the said Signers, and returned again to the respective Treasurer, and so from time to time shall the said Bills be delivered out, signed, numbered and returned; either of the said Treasurers not keeping by him at any one time ready numbered and signed, more than 3000 Dollars beyond the said monies now payable.

That Receipts of every Delivery of the said Bills before and after the numbering and signing the same be given by the Treasurers and Signers.

That Thomas Harwood Junior be Treasurer for the Western, and William Hindman Treasurer for the Eastern Shore, who shall from time to time, out of the said Bills of Credit pay off and discharge all such Draughts and orders as shall be made by order of this Convention, or the Council of Safety, or either Branch thereof as aforesaid.

That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, out of the Bills of Credit, pay to each of the Supervisors two Dollars and two thirds of a Dollar for each day's attendance as aforesaid, to the Engraver of the said Bills, one hundred and ninety two Dollars for his services, and to the Printer four hundred Dollars for his Services, and the Paper, Ink and other materials necessary for the said work. And the said Treasurers shall also respectively pay to each signer of every thousand of the said Bills, one Dollar and one third part of a Dollar for his Service.

That each of the said Treasurers shall retain for his services, at the Rate of one half per cent, on all monies by him paid and delivered, and no more.

That the said Treasurer of the Western Shore shall give Bond in the penalty of Twelve thousand pounds sterling, and the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore shall also give Bond in the penalty of four thousand pounds sterling, both of which Bonds shall be with sufficient securities, to be approved of by any two of the Obligees in the said Bonds, and payable to the Honble Matthew Tilghman and Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquires, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Edward Lloyd Esquires, conditioned for such Treasurer's faithful discharge of his Trust.

That he will keep a just and true account of all Bills of C. J.
Credit and monies which he shall receive or pay; and of the names of those to whom the same shall be paid or delivered, and that he will render a true and perfect account of all payments by him made, to the Convention of Maryland, or the Council of Safety, or any other persons, by a Convention of this Province appointed to examine his accounts, and that he will be answerable for all Bills of Credit and monies which he may receive and pay, all orders drawn by the Convention or Council of Safety, or the Branch thereof residing on his Shore.

That torn and defaced Bills shall be Exchanged at reasonable and convenient times

That the said Bills of Credit shall be redeemed and sunk on or before the first day of January 1786 by Taxes, or other Legislative provision.

That this Convention bind their Constituents and pledge the faith of this Province for the Redemption of the said Bills, on or before the said first day of January 1786.

Resolved, That the Freeholders of each County in this Province and other Freemen having a visible Estate of forty pounds sterling, or qualified by law to vote for Burgesses, do on the second Tuesday of September next meet together at the Court houses of their respective Counties (except as hereinafter excepted) and do there under the inspection of their respective Delegates in this present Convention, or any three or more of them, to whom it is recommended, to attend for that purpose by a majority of the voices of such of the said Electors as shall be present elect of the most discreet and sensible of those, who are qualified as af[d] to vote, a Committee of Observation for each County respectively, for the term of one year then next following, to consist of the following numbers that is to say, for Saint Marys County, twenty four; for Charles County thirty two; for Calvert County fifteen; for Prince Georges County, thirty three, for Anne Arundel County, thirty four, for Frederick County fifty three; for Baltimore County thirty seven; for Harford County, eighteen; for Worcester County, twenty one; for Somerset County, twenty one, for Dorchester County nineteen; for Caroline County fourteen; for Talbot County sixteen; for Queen Anns County twenty one; for Kent County, twenty two, for Cæcil County, sixteen, and that from and after such Election the Committees of Observation in being at and immediately before such Election, in each County respectively, be and are hereby declared to be dissolved.

That the Committees so to be Elected, or a majority of any seven or more of them met together, shall have full power and authority to carry into execution the Association and Resolves

C. J. of the Conventional Congress and Conventions of this Province, so far as the same shall relate to the commercial opposition to the measures of the British Ministry, in which the United Colonies are engaged, and to censure any person, or persons, who within their respective Counties shall be by them adjudged to have been guilty of any breach or breaches thereof, in such manner and degree as hath been or shall be directed by the said Congress and Conventions. And shall further have full power and authority on probable proof that any person has been guilty of any high and dangerous offence tending to disunite the Inhabitants of this Province in their present opposition, or to destroy the Liberties of America, to cause such person to be apprehended & forthwith sent together with the charge against him, to the Council of Safety, on that Shore, where the Offence shall be committed, who shall proceed to examine into the charge, and if the same shall be sufficiently proved, pronounce sentence thereon, that such person be imprisoned in such place and manner, and for such time as shall be adjudged, not beyond the rising of the next Convention who, if they think proper may take further order therein; or that he depart this Province within a certain time, to be limited.

That all persons pay obedience to and acquiesce in the determinations of such Committees of Observation and Council of Safety, and that no person whatsoever, other than the said Committees and Council presume to inflict any punishment for any such breaches or offence. And on the same day, or the next, to which the said Delegates are empowered to adjourn, the said Electors also choose by Ballot, five of the most discreet and sensible of such Freemen as aforesaid, of their County to be Delegates for the same, in any Provincial Convention to be held for this Province within one year then next following, with full power and Authority to such Delegates or any three or more of them, to appear and act for such County, in such Convention; and to consent and agree to and bind such County to perform and execute all such matters and things, as such Convention, or a majority of the Counties of this Province shall determine to be necessary for the preservation of the Liberties of America.

And in case any of the said Delegates shall die or refuse to act, the said Committee of Observation for the respective County shall have power to appoint by Ballot, one of the said Committee to be a Delegate for the said County, with the like power and authority, in the place of any such Delegate, who shall die or refuse to act; provided that no such appointment shall be made unless two third parts of such Committee shall be present.

That each Committee of Observation shall as soon as conveniently may be, after their appointment, choose by Ballot, five of their members to be a Committee of Correspondence for their County, for the said Term of one year, with power to any two or more of them, to act as such. C. J.

That as the Small pox is now at Queen's Town, and it will in all probability be dangerous to the Inhabitants of Queen Ann's County, to assemble there for Electing the Committee of Observation and Delegates for that County; the election of the Committee of Observation and Delegates for the said County shall be held at the house of George Hanson, instead of the Court house of that County.

That for the ease and convenience of the people of Frederick County, there be three different places of Election; that the said County be divided into three Districts, to wit; Upper, middle and lower; the upper District to be bounded by the South Mountain, and the lines of the County westward of the South Mountain. The middle District to be bounded from the mouth of Monocacy with Potowmack to the South Mountain, with that Mountain to the temporary Line, with the lines of the County to the head waters of Patuxent, and with the lines of the lower District to Potowmack; The lower District to be bounded with Potowmack to the mouth of Monocacy, then with Monocacy to Bennett's Creek, and with the Creek to the head waters of Patuxent; that there be elected in the lower district one Delegate, two persons to act as a Committee of Correspondence and seventeen as a Committee of Observation; that in each of the other districts there be elected two delegates and eighteen persons to act as a Committee of Observation, and that three persons be elected in the Middle district to act as a Committee of Correspondence. That the elections for the Upper district be held at Elizabeth Town; those for the Middle district at Frederick Town; and those for the lower district at Hungerford's; and that no person residing or voting in one shall be admitted to vote in either of the other districts.

Resolved, That for encouraging the manufacture of Salt-petre, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds common money be advanced, on proper security, for erecting one or more Salt-petre works, to be repaid in good merchantable Salt-petre at the Rates hereinafter mentioned; and that for all good merchantable Salt-petre, manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the order of the Council of Safety before the first day of October 1776, there shall be allowed at the Rate of half a Dollar per pound, according to the Resolves of the Continental Congress.

That a Sum not exceeding one thousand pounds common

C. J. money be appropriated for erecting and working a powder mill on the account of this Province; and that the said two sums of one thousand pounds each, be under the management of the Council of Safety.

Resolved, That the Committee of Observation in each County appoint one or more person, or persons in their respective County, to receive all sums of money, which shall be voluntarily given to be applied towards the arming and defending this Province, or towards erecting Manufactories of any kind, or for the immediate relief of such of the inhabitants of this Province, as are or may become necessitous, from the present general Calamities; which persons shall give Receipts for the money by them respectively received, and keep and return accounts thereof to the Treasurer of their respective Shore, specifying and distinguishing from whom the same shall have been received, and if any, what part thereof shall have been given for either of the said purposes, particularly. And the said money shall be paid to the said Treasurer, and may be applied and laid out by the Council of Safety or that part of it residing on each Shore respectively for the purposes before mentioned, having regard in the application, to the intention of the Donors, and promoting the subsistence of the necessitous, rather by erecting Manufactories, and the Employment of such as labour therein, or in work of any kind, than by immediate Gifts, it being the opinion of this Convention, that such Charities may be rendered much more extensively beneficial, by having the same placed under a general direction.

Resolved, That the Council of Safety contract for, purchase and provide 5000 stand of Arms, including those ordered and contracted for by this Convention, giving a preference as far as they can to those manufactured in the Country, and also purchase and provide nine small brass field pieces, and carriages therefor.

And that the Council of Safety may also on proper security, and terms they approve of, advance a Sum not exceeding one thousand pounds common money, for erecting and carrying on one or more Salt-Works in this Province.

Resolved, That the Committee of Observation in each County, as soon as may be, transmit to the Branch of the Council of Safety for their respective Shore, a particular account of all arms and Ammunition purchased in their County pursuant to the Resolves of the Convention in December last, and of all sums of money subscribed and actually paid in or contributed, and by whom, for the purchase of the said Arms and Ammunition. And that each Branch of the Council of Safety, order the Treasurer of their Shore, to pay to such

person as shall be appointed by each of the said Committees C. J.
on their respective Shore, the amount of the money so paid in and actually expended in the purposes aforesaid, before the transmitting of such account, that the same as well as all other money paid in, not expended as aforesaid, may be returned to the Subscribers contributors thereof.

Resolved, That the Honourable Matthew Tilghman and John Beale Bordley Esquires, and Robert Goldsborough, James Hollyday, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, Thomas Smyth, and Henry Hooper Esquires, residents of the Eastern Shore, and the Honorable Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire, and Thomas Johnson Junr, William Paca, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Robert Alexander and Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esquires, residents of the Western Shore, or any nine of them, be a Council of Safety for this Province.

That every member of the Council of Safety before he enters on the execution of his Office, having subscribed the Association take before some Justice of the Peace the following Oath to wit: "You A. B. do swear, that any matter or thing, which shall come to your knowledge as a member of the Council of Safety, and which you shall know, is by a majority of the Council ordered to be kept secret, you will not divulge unless in a Convention of Delegates, or to the members of the Council of Safety, or with the leave of the Convention, or a majority of the Council of Safety. So help you God."

And that the Clerk of the Council of Safety, or of either of the said Branches thereof shall before he enters on the Execution of his Office, before some Justice of the peace, take an oath in the same Form; except, instead of the words "as a Member of the Council of Safety" inserting, "as Clerk of the Council of Safety" or "as Clerk of the Eastern or Western Shore Branch of the Council of Safety," as the case may be

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Report relative to the shutting of the Courts of Justice, which after debates thereon, was recommitted for Amendments, and the following parts of it were agreed to.

Resolved, That in all suits and actions, now depending or commenced within this Province, where there is no real dispute, the Suitors and Attornies proceed with all convenient Speed to settle the same by Judgment, Reference, or other Amicable way; and that all suits and actions now depending or commenced (where there are real disputes, and which cannot be settled in an amicable manner, or tried with justice to the parties) ought to stand and remain during these times of Public Calamity, in their present State and Condition; or be continued until otherwise ordered by Act of Assembly, or some

C. J. future Convention—save and except, only that bail may surrender their principals, in their own discharge and for want of other bail that the principal may be committed; and that hereafter proper provision ought to be made by Act of Assembly for reinstating, re-establishing and prosecuting the business of the Courts, and for barring the act for the Limitation of suits.

Resolved, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced the Depositions of any witness or witnesses taken before two Justices of any County Court, or one of the Justices of the Provincial Court of this Province, in presence of the adverse party to him that requires such depositions to be taken, if upon due notice, he thinks fit to be present, or upon notice doth refuse to be present (the notice being proved) ought to be received as good evidence in any of the Courts of this Province, as if such evidence were personally present upon the Tryal, and should declare the same, *viva voce;* provided such witness or witnesses cannot be had at the Trial of the cause in which such depositions shall be taken.

Resolved, That no civil original writ, suit or action, shall be commenced or renewed in any Court of Law, or any Magistrate's warrant of a civil nature issued within this Province, after publication and due notice of this Resolve, unless in the following cases to wit. Actions founded in the wrong done to the person or property; such as Ejectment, Trespass, Trover, Replevin, Detinue; also all real Actions, also actions for wards, and for money or Tobacco actually had & received by one person for the use of another: Attachments under the late Acts of Assembly, and against persons non resident; actions, or process on Loan Office Bonds; without the license or permission of the Committee of Observation of the County, where the debtors and defendants reside, which shall or may be granted in the Instances and manner hereinafter mentioned & not otherwise.

That the said Committees respectively do upon application, give license for bringing or prosecuting suits in the following cases; that is to say; where debtors refuse to renew their obligations, or other securities; or to give reasonable security; or to liquidate and settle their accounts, and give Promissory notes for the ballances; or to refer their disputes, if any, to one or more indifferent persons, or are justly suspected of intention to leave the Province, or defraud their Creditors; and that the said Committees may, in their discretion, grant Licenses in the following cases to wit, for the bringing actions by and against Executors and Administrators, as such, and their Securities, and for the bringing actions against Guardians for the recovery of filial portions, or the Rents and profits of Orphans' Estates.

Resolved, That no execution shall issue upon any Judgment C. J.
obtained in the Provincial Court after April Term last, or in the County Courts after the last March adjourned Courts, without such License as aforesaid, save only in the cases above specified, or where the original Actions shall be brought by License from the Committee of Observation.

Resolved, That the Committees of Observation now in being in each County, and the Committees of Frederick County in their respective Districts, meet as soon as they conveniently can, after publication and due notice of these Resolves, and that the Committees hereafter to be chosen meet as soon as they conveniently can, at the Court house, or some other place agreed upon by themselves, and appoint by Ballot, seven of their number to be a Committee for licensing suits, which said Committees shall meet on the first and third Mondays in every month, for the purpose of receiving applications, and give notice of the place where they intend to meet.

Resolved, That [it] is earnestly recommended by this Convention to all the Inhabitants of this Province, to make payment without compulsion, where they are able or give security as above mentioned, and particularly that they pay the public taxes, and interest money due in the Loan Office, it being the design of this Convention to prevent oppression and imprisonment of poor Debtors, but not to give any pretence of non payment to those who are of sufficient ability to pay their just debts.

It appearing to this Convention that a person arrested by the Sheriff of Baltimore County, and in his Custody for debt, had been rescued by some disorderly people in that County, and that the Riot had been suppressed and the Prisoner so rescued, had been restored to the custody of the said Sheriff by the intervention and activity of Captains Buchanan and Gist, and the Companies under their command; and this Convention being fully impressed with the necessity, that the Civil power in the ordinary administration of Justice should be supported: It is Resolved, That this Convention do highly approve of the conduct of the said Captains and their companies, in the suppression of the said Riot, and support of the Civil Authority. And that this Resolve be communicated to said Captains and their companies by the Delegates of Baltimore County in this Convention.

Resolved that the late Committee of Observation for Cecil County be authorised to act as usual, until the second Tuesday of September next.

Doubts having arisen in this Province respecting the construction of the Continental Association, whether merchandise or other commodities taken on Board Craft or in any manner

C. J. water-borne before the 10th Day of September next, may not be considered as exported within the 4th Article of the Continental Association, altho' the said Merchandize or Commodities be not before that time taken on board the Ship or Vessel which shall export the same, Resolved, that where any such Merchandize or other Commodity whatsoever is or shall before the same 10th. day of September be laden on board the Ship or Vessel that shall actually export the same, such loading on board shall be deemed a sufficient exportation within the spirit and intention of said Article and not otherwise.

Resolved, That the Honorable Matthew Tilghman Esqr and Thomas Johnson Junr Robert Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone and John Hall Esq^{rs} or any three or more of them, be Deputies to represent this Province in Continental Congress, and that they or any three or more of them, have full and ample power to consent and agree to all measures, which such Congress shall deem necessary and effectual to obtain a redress of American grievances; and further we do authorise our said Deputies to represent and act for this Province, in any Continental Congress which may be held before the 25th day of March next.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Samuel Chase, William Paca, John Hall and Thomas Stone Esquires, or either of them, the sum of five hundred pounds common money, and that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to the Honorable Matthew Tilghman and Robert Goldsborough Esquires, or either of them, the sum of two hundred pounds, common money, to defray the expenses of their Deputation, to the next Continental Congress.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the Delegates, who attended the late Congress, the sum of one hundred and twenty six pounds sixteen shillings and sixpence, common money, out of the Bills of Credit to be issued, being the ballance of their actual Expenses, and that the several Counties which have not already paid in their proportion of money, for support of said Delegates, shall pay the same as soon as may be, to said Treasurer for the use of the public.

Resolved, That there be a Convention of Delegates of this Province at Annapolis on the third Tuesday of March next, or on such day before that time, as shall be appointed by the Council of Safety.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to report the expenses attending the sitting of this Convention, and that Mr Chase and Mr Goldsborough be a Committee for that purpose; who report the expenses as follows, to wit

To Gabriel Du Vall for 20 Days attendance as Clerk at 20/ common money per day	£20	C. J.
To Robert Reynolds for 20 days attendance as Door-keeper at 10/ per day	10.	
To Robert Reynolds for Candles and cleaning the Room	1. 10	
1302459	£31. 10	

Ordered, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the above sums.

Ordered, that John Hall, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, William Paca and Matthias Hammond Esq[rs] be a Committee to revise the proceedings of this Convention, and publish such of them as they may think proper, and convey a number securely made up to each County, as soon as may be.

So ends this Convention.

Test, G. DuVall, Clk.

No. 1 Petition of Patrick Graham. C. J.[2]

To the Honorable the Deputies for Maryland met in Convention at Annapolis.

The humble Petition of Patrick Graham of Port Tobacco in Charles County sheweth, that some time ago he very justly incurred the displeasure and resentment of the County & the censure of the Committee of Charles County for a breach of the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress, by aiding a certain John Bailie secretly to land and dispose of sundry goods imported by him contrary to these Resolves; Your Petitioner sincerely laments his imprudence & ill conduct, & being deeply sensible of his offence, with contrition for the same, and his most solemn promise & assurance never more to do, or encourage any thing inimical to American Freedom, he most humbly solicits this Convention, that he may be restored to his former rights of a Citizen, as he has already suffered greatly, not only in his own Person, Property and reputation, but should he continue much longer in the present situation, his Offence must reduce an innocent wife & four young children to beggary & ruin.

We the Subscribers being satisfied of the hearty repentance of Patrick Graham set forth in the above Petition, do recommend him to the consideration & clemency of the Honorable Convention.

F. B. Franklin	W[m] Davis
Zeph Turner	Benj. Douglass
Sam. Stone J[r]	Hez Garner

C. J.[2]

George Swan
Cha[s] Goodrick
William Barton Smoot
Henry Barnes
Zeph Franklin
Jas. Craike
W[m] Hanson
Tho[s] H. Powell
James Mudd
Tho: McPherson
Garrard Boarman
Samuel C. Barron,
Tho[s] Simmes
Sam[l] Hanson Jun[r]
Tho[s] Marshall
Belaw Posey
Igna[s] Luckett
James Farnandis
Tho[s] Posey
Henry Massey Hanson
Francis Posey
Thomas M. Manson
Walter Hanson Jun[r]
G. B. Causin
Tho[s] R[d] Cookley
I. Paniham
Will[m] McPherson Jun[r]
Josias Smoot
Rich[d] Speake
Alex[r] McPherson Jun[r]
Henry Boarman
Will H. Smallwood
Walter Pye
Tho[s] Thornton
Tho[s] How Ridgate
Stephen Chandler
Notley Maddocke Sen[r]
Notley Maddocke Jun[r]
Joseph Boswell
William Cox
Dan McPherson
Marcus Latimer
Joseph Aderton
Bennett Dyson
Edw. Boreman Sen[r]
Burr Barnes
Henry Ward
Matthew Garner
Edw[d] Smoot
Walter Hanson
S[m] Briscoe
Ed. Scott Ware
William Campbell
James Vineyard
John Luckett
James Waters
W[m] Waters
Benjamin Wood
Charles Garner
Henry Gardner
Peter Davies
David Philpot
George Elgin
Benj. V. Posey
Ben Cawood j[r]
Francis Clements
Philip Webster
James Simms
R. Bennet Boarman
Dan[l]
Walter McPherson
Thomas Waters
Walter Winter
Bennet Hanson Clements
Raphael Boarman
Edward Sanders
Joseph Thompson
John Francis Regis Sanders
Sam[l] Cox
Uzziah Posey
John Stone
Jn[o] Manning
Sam[l] Stone
John Clements of Francis
Charles Gates
Jo[s] W. Harrison
And[w] Minitwood
Francis Shephard
John B. Delozier
John Christopher Layman
Ja[s] Savard
Joseph Sims
Anthony C. Gray
Henry Chandler

Raphael Neale	Anthony Rowe	C. J.[2]
John Sanders	Thos Hanson	
Richard Barnes	Jas Mudd Junr	
Will Elgin Senr	Saml Adams	
Jon Sposnal	Ledstone Godfrey	
Robt Smoot	Saml Marshall	
Will Jones	Edward Warren	
Joseph Marbury	Wm McConchie	
Edwd Davis	Peter H. Proley.	
Wm Taylor		

(N° 2)

To the Provincial Convention.

The humble Petition of John Baillie sheweth,

That he now lyes under the influence and suffers the Extremity of a heavy though just sentance of the Committee of Charles County, for having willfully though in some degree ignorantly broke the Association of the Honourable Continental Congress.

Your Petitioner is truly sencible that the sentance passed by the Committee is founded in justice, but executed with such rigour, it has been with the most extreme and hazardous difficulty he could obtain the necessary food to support a life rendered miserable by his conduct, and the above mentioned sentence.

Your Petitioner begs leave to inform this respectable Convention that no one views his conduct in a more odious light than himself, and should you be pleased to forgive your Petitioner his past transgression and place him in his former state, with respect to the People and Laws of this Province, he most solemnly promises to adhere strictly for the future to the Continental Association, and to do every thing in his power which can any way, or in any manner forward the interest of this Country.

Your Petitioner therefor most humbly prays that you will take his case into consideration, and that you will be pleased in your goodness to forgive his past crime, which he will endeavour to atone for, as far as he can, by his future conduct, and your Petitioner as is duty bound will ever pray.

H. Davis
John S. Chillon
William G. Adams
Reuben Dye.

(N° 3)

To the Honourable the Delegates of the Province of Maryland in Provincial Convention assembled.

The Petition of Alexander Ogg Mercht of Calvert County sheweth.

C. J.[2] That your Petitioner had without any intention of violating either the Continental Association or Provincial Resolves, sold a few goods at a greater advance than was allowed by the Resolves of the Provincial Convention, In consequence of which the Committee of Calvert County, agreeable to the Provincial Resolution, published your Petitioner in the Maryland Gazette as an offender, by which publication your Petitioner is prevented from pursuing any method to enforce the payment of the Debts due to him. Your Petitioner in the most solemn manner declares his hearty sorrow and repentance for his transgression. And as the people of the County are fully satisfied that your Petitioner will not in word or deed transgress in future, he prays that your Honors will restore him to his former condition, so that he may pursue his business. And your Pet[r] as in duty bound will pray.

(N° 3)

To the Hono[ble] Provincial Convention, Annapolis.

M[r] Thomas Gantt, Chairman. Thomas Williams, Clk.

In consequence of a recommendation from the Honora[ble] Provintial Convention directed to the General Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County M[r] Christo[r] Lowndes attended: the following Questions were ask'd him.

Quest 1st Whether the Brigg Harriott Capt. Will[m] Scott Master clear'd out in May 1775 by M[r] Lowndes out of this Province for Barbadoes, was seiz'd and carried to Boston by some Officer, or Officers of his Majestyes Ships of War there stationed.

Anser. She was not taken nor carried to Boston.

Quest. 2[d] Whether M[r] Lowndes ever receiv'd any Letter from Henry Loyd of Boston respecting the said Brigg Harriott or Cargo.

Anser. He never received any.

M[r] Lowndes produced the following evidence in his defence.

Letters to M[r] Lowndes from his Correspondants in Barbadoes, Dated July 1st 13th & 14th from Philip Lytcott & Comp[ny], were produced, from which it appears that 19 barrels of flour 2545 bushels of Corn 397 bars of iron, 20 barrels of Pork, 20 barrels of Herring, 19.865 Shingles and 2718 Staves were landed for M[r] Lowndes, acco[t].

A Letter from M[r] Biddle of Philadel[a] was produced by M[r] Tho[s] Richardson of Geo: Town dated 31st July saying that Cap[t] Scott was arrived at Barbadoes, and that the Bread Ship'd by M[r] Richardson on board the Brigg Harriott was sold.

By the above Evidence & the deposition of John Tolson who was a Passenger on board the Brigg Harriott to & from

Barbadoes, it appears clear to this Committee, that there is not the least foundation for the charge of collusion, propogated against Mr Lowndes. C. J.[2]

Mr Lowndes prays these proceeding with Mr Tolson's deposition at large may be publish'd in the Maryland Gazette for his Vindication to the Public.

It is the opinion of this Committee that these proceedings be publish'd as soon as possible.

Sign'd by order Thos Williams, Clk.
In Committee Augt 7th 1775. Bladens.
Mr Thos Gantt, Chairman

The Committee took into consideration the Letter from the Hono. Provincial Congress relative to Mr Munro's escape from Bladens and are of opinion that Mr Richard Henderson was no ways aiding, assisting, or even privy to the said George Munro's escape

Signed by Order. Thos Williams, Clk.

Copy of Jno Tolson's Deposition.

At a meeting of the Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County at the house of Richard Carnes in Piscataway on Friday the 4th day of August 1775, were present.

William Digges Junr Chairman
William Beanes Junr
Luke Marbury
Thomas Dent
Edward Edelen
Nathaniel Newton
Thomas Clagett &
Richard Carnes.

In consequence of its being recommended by the Provincial Convention to the General Committee of Observation for the County aforesaid to call all evidences before them who may be expected can give the proper information respecting a Report that prevails of Mr Christopher Lowndes having cleared out a Brigg from this Province for Barbadoes with Provisions that were thrown into the hands of some of the Officers of his Majestys Ships of War for the purpose of supplying the Army under the command of General Gage, this Committee summoned before them Mr John Tolson aged sixteen years & of good Reputation who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God before Luke Marbury one of the Right Honble the Lord Proprietarys Justices of the peace for Prince Georges County, Deposeth and sayeth, that on or about the twentieth

C. J.[2] day of May last he sailed from Alexandria on Board the Brigg Harriott Captain William Scott belonging to the said Christopher Lowndes, and that he went passenger on board of her to the Island of Barbadoes, where she discharged her cargo and that to his the said Deponents knowledge she did not discharge or dispose of any part of it till she arrived in the Road of Barbadoes, and that no part of the said Cargo was put into the hands of any Officer of His Majestys Ships of War for the purpose of supplying them, or the Army under the command of General Gage.

This Deponent likewise sayeth that in Hampton Road, on their way out they were boarded by some people who said they belonged to a Vessel of War who took one of the Hands from the said Brigg, and this Deponent sayeth no more.

(Signed) John Tolson

Sworn before Luke Marbury.

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be sent to the Provincial Convention now sitting at Annapolis.

True Copy from the Records, signed by order of the Committee Thomas Clagett, Clerk

(N° 4)

Gent. Richmond in Virg[a] July 27. 1775.

The Convention of Delegates for this Colony now sitting, have almost unanimously, come to the inclosed Resolution for stopping the Exportation of all kinds of Provision after the 5th day of next month.

At a Time when the most secret acts are practising to furnish our enemies with the means of protracting the unhappy Dispute with the Mother Country, the necessity of adopting this measure appeared so evident that this Colony have chearfully sacraficed a very considerable part of its property by agreeing to this Resolution.

I am directed to transmit the Resolution to you as early as possible, & have no doubt but you will as chearfully come to a similar one.

I am with great Respect
Y[r] Mo: ob[t] S[t]
Peyton Randolph
President of the Convention.

Resolved, (In Convention on Monday July 24th 1775)

That no flour, wheat or other grain, or provisions of any kind be exported from the Colony to any part of the World, from and after the fifth day of August next, until the Convention or Assembly of this Colony, or the Honorable the Conti-

nental Congress shall order otherwise; That no quantitys of C. J.[2] the said Articles, more than are necessary for the use of the Inhabitants be brought to, collected or stored in the Towns or other places upon or near the navigable waters; that the respective County Committees be directed to take care that this Resolve be effectually carried into execution; and that all contracts made for the sale and delivery of any such Articles for Exportation between this time and the 10th day of September next, be considered as null and void.

In Convention July 24. 1775

Resolved, That no Flour, wheat or other Grain, or provisions of any kind be exported from this Colony to any part of the World from and after the fifth day of August next, until the Convention or Assembly, or the honourable the Continental Congress shall order otherwise; That no quantities of the said Articles, more than are necessary for the use of the Inhabitants be brought to, collected or stored in the Towns or other places, upon or near the navigable waters; that the respective County Committees be directed to take care that this Resolve be effectually carried into Execution; and that all contracts made for the sale & delivery of any such articles for Exportation between this time and the tenth day of September next be considered as null and void.

Peyton Randolph Presid[t]

(N° 5)

Petition of A. Campbell & W. Lilburn.

To the Honourable Provincial Convention.

The petition of Archibald Campbell, and William Lilburn humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioners have undesignedly fallen under the censure of the Committee of S[t] Marys County for a supposed breach of the Resolves of the late Provincial Convention; which censure they apprehend was grounded on a misconception of the Letter and spirit of the prescribed Regulations, and therefore beg leave to submit the same together with a copy of the proceedings of the aforesaid Committee to the consideration of the Honorable Convention.

They beg leave to represent that for a considerable time past they have been engaged in Mercantile transactions, the first as Factor for John Glassford and Company, and the other for James Buchanan and Company at their respective Stores on Potowmack River, which concerns have chiefly related to vending of Goods for Tobacco, and Shipping the same to their Principals in Great Britain; that many Persons have constantly dealt at their several Stores on Credit, and have been

C. J.[2] supplied with such commodities as they imported for Sale; in return for which they have received Tobacco payments, and applied the same in loading such Vessels as were consigned to them by their Constituents. They further represent that in this Commercial intercourse their usual customers have always relied on them to supply their exigencies, and that Justice and Gratitude prompted them not to abuse the confidence reposed in them by disposing of their Effects to others, in prejudice of those with whom they constantly traded. That their conduct in this respect is not singular, but conformable to the general practice of these who are engaged in similar traffick, cannot be denied, and they are induced to think that on mature consideration it cannot be deemed an infraction of those Resolves which they are anxious to observe, but justifiable on every principle of reason & justice.

Your Petitioners shew, that in the present scarcity of British manufacture, they had not any greater quantity of coarse linens, than was sufficient for the use of those, who for the reasons suggested, they were bound to supply; and that the said Archibald Campbell had engaged all the osnabrigs remaining in his store, to the different customers who frequented it. From hence it will appear, that he could not consistant either with his express or implied contracts, furnish M[r] Ruder with the articles he requested, the refusal of which is a ground for the late Complaint against him.

Your Petitioner Archibald Campbell also sheweth that he had received advice of a Vessell intended to be consigned to him, and which shortly after arrived, to be laden with Tobacco; That he had no other means of procuring her Cargo, than by the sale of Goods to those who usually supplied him with that commodity. If therefore he was compellable to receive Cash for his merchandise, the Vessel must have returned without her freight, to the great injury and expense of his Employer: Add to this as an obvious consequence of such compulsion, that any Rival in trade with a command of Cash might buy up the goods of others, and thereby gain an undue advantage in this branch of Commerce. It may not be improper further tc remark, that in the course of retail dealings, it is necessary to keep an assortment of merchandise, and that an uncontrouled liberty to the purchaser & an obligation on the Seller, to permit him to select all the saleable articles in a store, would be promoting the Interest of one at the ruin of the other; nor can a charge of partiality or oppression be with justice alleged against a merchant, who is desirous of preferring those who resort to him for general supplies, to him whose application is casual for a scarce and necessary article.

Your Petitioners further shew that they have endeavoured

to pay due deference to such regulations as were thought necessary for the public Interest and have contributed with cheerfulness to the general service; they therefore feel with the most poignant concern their late (and flatter themselves) unmerited proscription. C. J.[2]

They have however the consolation to declare, that if they have erred, it was without consciousness of guilt, and hope integrity of intention may not be imputed to them as wilful disobedience. On this subject the discernment of their present Judges renders prolixity of argument unnecessary, and to their decision they submit with respectful acquiesence.

On what particular part of the Sixth Resolve the Committee have thought proper to ground their sentence is not certainly known; if conjecture is indulged the following words may be supposed to comprise the accusation, "that no merchant or other person ought to ingross any goods, wares or merchandise whatsoever." As laws should admonish before they condemn, it is difficult to conceive with what propriety this restrictive Rule could be applied to the case in question. Ingrossing is a legal Idea, an unjust accumulation of property, with an intent to sell it again which by enhancing the price tends to the public injury. If the acquisition is lawful, one constituent part of the Offence is wanting, and the term in the Resolve is not properly applicable. To say that the word may have an extensive import to comprehend what is not expressed would be to confound language, and entrap the unwary. With submission permit us to observe that we ought not in these instances to substitute artificial for real conviction and thereby give footing to a Code of polity which may hereafter be turned to the destruction of that manly Freedom for which we are now contending. Who can be safe if we resort to subtle and criminal construction as the Glossary of common Life.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the proceedings of the committee may be re-considered. If they have erred let concessions deprecate Resentment, it is however hoped that rectitude of intention will shield them from imputed guilt.

At a meeting of the General Committee for the County of S[t] Marys held at the Court House in Leonard Town, on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of July Anno Domini seventeen hundred & Seventy five

M[r] John Reeder (Jun[r]) in the Chair.

Among other were the following proceedings (to wit) On complaint made by Doctor Henry Reeder, against M[r] Archibald Campbell, Factor for John Glassford Esquire & Company, at their Store in Leonard Town for refusing him goods for ready money. And at the same time declaring, that he would not sell his goods for cash but for Tobacco only.

C. J.[2] Resolved that Mr Archibald Campbell be required immediately to attend this Committee, to answer unto the matter wherewith charged.

Whereupon Mr Archibald Campbell appearing, Doctor Henry Reeder, was, by and in the presence of the said Archibald examined relative to the complaint as aforesaid made. Who proved the fact as alleged to the general satisfaction of the Committee. Who thereupon proceed (after having first heard what Mr Campbell had to offer in his defence) to take into their consideration, the tendency of such a proceedure, which upon being fully debated, duly weighed & maturely considered was almost unanimously judged to be a manifest violation of the sixth Resolve of the Provincial Convention held at Annapolis by adjournment on the eighth day of December Seventeen hundred and seventy four.

And therefore Resolved for ourselves & Constituents, that no Gentleman of the Law, from this time forward ought to bring or prosecute any suit for any debt due to the Store of Jn° Glassford Esquire & Company at Leonard Town of which the said Factor Mr Archibald Campbell has the management.

Resolved also that the proceedings against the said Archibald Campbell, be published in the Maryland Gazette to the intent, that all persons concerned may have due notice thereof.

At the same time upon complaint made by Capt. George Cooke against Mr William Lilburn Factor for Mr James Buchanan & Company at their Store at St. Inegoes warehouse for acting in a similar manner, which the said William Lilburn here present admits to be true.

Resolved that the said Lilburn has violated the aforesaid Resolve, and that he also be published in the Maryland Gazette, to the intent as aforesaid.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from the minutes kept for the Committee for the County of St Mary's, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty second day of July Annoque Domini seventeen hundred and seventy five.

Timothy Bowes, Clk of the Committee
for St Marys County

(N° 6)

At a special meeting of the Committee at the Court House on Tuesday the 13th July at 4 o'clock P. M. present Mr William Smith in the Chair, and twenty eight members.

A Letter from James Christie Junior Merch[t] of this Town directed to Lieu[t] Col° Gabriel Christie of his Majesties 60th Regiment at Antigua having been intercepted was laid before the Committee and ordered to be read, which was accordingly done, and the following Paragraphs are part of its contents.

"Baltimore February 22nd 1775 We are in such terrible confusion here with our Politicks, here is no depending on any thing, and that added to other things makes me wish myself out of the Province. C. J.²

We are little behind the New Englanders, Mustering, Purchasing Arms, Ammunition &c

We have some violent Fanatical Spirits among us, who do every thing in their power to run things to the utmost extremity, and they are gone so far that we moderate people are under a necessity of uniting for our own defence after being threatened with expulsion, loss of life &c for not acceeding to what we deem treason and Rebellion."

The Prevost and Family are very well. Our Publick Affairs vex him, and he wishes himself away, but I know not when, or if ever that will happen. A part of yours or any other Regiment I believe would keep us very quiet."

The Committee then summoned Mr Christie to attend them, but being confined to his Bed he was unable to do it. They then sent Messrs James Calhoun, William Buchanan, Thos Harrison, Thos Jones, Willm Goodwin and Isaac Vanbibber to wait on him at his house, and enquire whether the said Letter was wrote by him. The Gentlemen return and report, that Mr Christie had been shewn the Letter, and acknowedged that it was wrote by him, but requested that any further proceedings thereon might be postponed, until his health would permit his personal attendance.

The Committee not thinking it proper to comply with his request, as Mr Christie had confessed he wrote the Letter immediately give him notice thereof. Upon which Mr Robert Christie attended on his behalf, but it growing late and many of the members being with drawn, the Committee directed a Guard of 9 men under the command of an Officer to be placed round Mr Christies House, and then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

Friday 14th July 1775.

The Committee met according to adjournment, present Mr Wm Smith Chairman and thirty two members.

They resumed the business of yesterday. Mr Robert Christie Junr attended and declared that Mr James Christie was very sorry for the Letter he had wrote Lieutenant Colo Christie, that he did not mean any harm by it, and that he was very willing to acquiesce in the determination of the Committee. On motion, Resolved that Dr Jno Boyde, and Mr John McLure (Members of the Committee) do wait on Mr Christie and enquire of him who those moderate people were that united for their defence as mentioned in his Letter, and that they

c. j.[2] take his answer in writing. The Gentlemen returned and Report that M[r] Christie declared there never was any association between him and his friends for the purpose alluded to, or for any other purpose, and all that he remembers to have past on the occasion was, that some time last Winter he was informed, that he with some of his friends were to be made a publick example of, for not uniting with the Town in the present opposition, and this being spoken of accidentally among two or three of his friends, it was proposed, whether our association for mutual defence would be adviseable but no determination being then made, and they soon after being convinced that no threats worth notice had been thrown out against them, the matter dropt and was never afterwards thought of or attempted and that it was at this time of doubt and apprehension that he had wrote the Letter in question which accounts for that part of it alluded to in the Enquiry. The Committee proceeded to take M[r] Christies conduct with respect to said Letter into further and deliberate consideration, and were unanimously of opinion, that by representing in said Letter the people of this Town, to be concerned in Treasonable and Rebellious practices, and that a number of Soldiers would keep them quiet, he has manifested a spirit and principle altogether inimical to the Rights, Privileges and Liberties of America. They do therefore think it their duty to advertise the said James Christie Junior as an enemy to this Country, and all persons are desired to break off all connection and intercourse with him.

The Committee further Resolve, that as the Crime of which the said James Christie is guilty is of so dangerous and atrocious a nature, they will lay the same before their Delegates at the Continental Congress for their advice, and in the mean time, it is ordered that as M[r] Christie is confined to his Bed and cannot be removed with safety to a place of security, the same guard be continued at his House to prevent any escape attempted either by himself or the Assistance of his friends, and that M[r] Christie pay each man five shillings for each twenty four hours, and the Officer seven shillings & sixpence.

A Report having been circulated that a number of Arms and a quantity of ammunition were secretly lodged in the House of M[r] James Christie, and the same being mentioned in the Committee, they directed two of their members, Capt. Clopper and M[r] James Cox to go immediately and search M[r] Christies House which they accordingly did, and reported that they had examined the House attentively in every part attended by M[r] Robert Christie Junior, and that they only found two Guns and a Pair of Pistols and no ammunition, and were convinced no others were in the House.

At a special meeting of the Committee 21 July 1775. C. J.[2]
Mr Samuel Purviance in the Chair. 20 members.

A Letter from the Deputies of this Province at the Continental Congress was laid before the Committee wherein they inform the Committee that they had laid the Proceedings on Mr Christies Letter before the Congress, and that body thought it proper to refer it to the Provincial Convention.

To Mr Saml Purviance, Chairman of the Committee.

The following Letter was laid before the Committee.

"Sir. July 21. 1775.

I am now a little better, and the Doctor is of opinion, that fresh air and moderate exercise would contribute much to restoring my health. I have to entreat of you to represent this to the Committee and to request of them for me that if they think proper I may have my liberty for the above purpose on my giving such security as the committee may require for my appearance before them when required.

Your favor in this will oblige

Sr Yr mo. obedt Servt James Christie Junr"

On considering the premises the Committee refer the determination to a fuller committee on Monday next, and in the mean time that Mr Christie may be permitted to ride out attended by his guard.

At a meeting of the Committee 24 July 1775.
Mr Saml Purviance in the Chair. 40 members.

Mr Robert Christie appeared in behalf of Mr James Christie and requested that his Guard might be dismist on security being given to the satisfaction of the Committee for his appearance before the Committee or Provincial Convention when thereunto required, and that he would not depart the Province without their permission. Which being debated it was resolved to accept five Securities by a majority of 21 to 14, and accordingly the followng security was entered into and signed.

(Vide the original) Copy from the Minutes) Willm Lix Secretary

I do hereby solemnly engage not to depart this Province without the Permission and consent of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, or the Provincial Convention first had and obtained, as witness my hand this 24 day of July 1775.

James Christie Junr

Witness. Robt. Alexander, Richd Buchanan.

C. J.[2] We whose names are hereto subscribed do hereby undertake and solemnly engage that James Christie of Baltimore Town shall not depart this Province without the Permission & Consent of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County or the Provincial Convention first had & obtained but shall stay & abide the determination & sentence that shall or may be pronounced against him by the next Provincial Convention for the heinous offence committed by him against the Community, & in case the said James Christie shall depart this Province without such leave, we and each of us do hereby voluntarily agree to submit to the same punishment that would have been inflicted on the said James Christie, if he had not departed, as witness our hands this 24 day of July 1775

Witness,
W. Smith.

Robt. Christie Jun[r]
A. Stenhouse
Henry Stevenson
John Craig
James Jaffray
Eben[r] Mackie

(N° 7)

Mellvills Warehouse August 2[d] 1775.

At a meeting of the Committee of Caroline County, Capt. Matthew Driver in the chair.

Were present.

M[r] Thomas Hardcastle	M[r] David Robinson
Giles Hicks	John Stevens
Daniel Skinner	William Rich
Thomas Pennington	William Bell
Aaron Downes	John White
W[m] Chipley	Sol° Mason
Ezekiel Hunter	W[m] Haslett.
Robert Hardcastle	

The Committee being informed by Capt. Henry Downes, that he having been advised, that a certain John Williams had endeavoured to dissuade sundry persons enrolled in his Company from mustering, and had made use of many expressions which highly reflected on the Americans for having taken up arms in defence of their rights and privileges, which had induced him, assisted by many of the Sons of Liberty to take the said Williams on the 16th day of June last, and carry him to Tuckahoe Bridge, but after some enquiries had been made by the people then present, they judged it most expedient to refer Williams to the Committee of Observation for a discussion of his conduct, and the first Wednesday of August was fixed for a meeting of the Committee for that purpose, agreeable to which appointment the said Williams now appears.

Patrick Hart and James Walker being both duly sworne do C. J.[2]
depose and declare that John Williams did censure them both for mustering and said they took up Arms against their King, and were Fools.

And it further appears to this Committee that when Companies were first formed agreeable to the Recommendation of the Provincial Convention, that the said Williams joined a certain John Cooper in forming a Company to act in opposition to said recommendation, and after Cooper had renounced those principles & resigned his post in said Company, he the said Williams did persist and endeavour to keep up said Company, and now declares that he never will exercise on the principles now adopted for the preservation of our Constitutional Rights.

Resolved, that he be kept by the Sheriff of this County, assisted by a Guard of a Sergeant & six men, in the Goal, until otherwise ordered, by the Provincial Convention or this Committee.

Resolved, that M[r] Thomas Hardcastle be appointed to go to Annapolis and present a copy of this days proceedings to the Provincial Convention now sitting, and there beg their instructions in writing to this Committee respecting the above named John Williams.

The Committee adjourns to Monday next. A true Copy
P. Henry Downes Jun[r] Clk.

(N° 8)

To the Honourable Convention at Annapolis.

The Petition of Richard Henderson of Bladensburgh humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner being in great hazard of his Person & property: thro' the means of another begs leave to lay before you the following facts, which are substantially true; altho' from the confusion usually thrown upon the mind in time of extreme and unexpected danger, they may not be in every minute point, fully related.

On Monday last the 31st of July, being for the day commanding Officer of the Bladensburgh Company, a letter from Col[o] Joshua Beall, was put into my hands to be read to the Company. Our Company was not full, wherefore I put the Letter into my pocket, intending to wait the coming of more men. But the Company being impatient I opened it, and to my astonishment found that it contained an intercepted Letter, written by a youth who assisted at my Store, expressing the strangest sentiments.

I called for the Clerk to reád it, but he being absent, I was forced to read it.

C. J.[2] The Company then proposed to put the youth, whose name is George Munro, under arrest, unless some person would be answerable for his appearance before the Committee on the next day. I refused to be answerable, so he had sentries placed on him, but afterwards he being sick & it seeming to be the wish of the Company that I should become answerable, I complied.

On Tuesday morning I saw him, & he expressed no apprehension about appearing before the Committee, and therefore, at the beating to Arms, I joined the Company, & never afterwards saw him being with the Company constantly till near evening, when I was sent for by the Committee & asked to bring M[r] Munro, I went, but about noon a great number of men with loaded Arms having come to Town & declared their determination to Tar & Feather him, & having brought an old, lean, sore backed, dull horse, whereon to set him & drum him thro. the Town, whatever might be the sentiments of the Committee. The youth was struck with an agony of fear, and rode off. It must have been the fright, which induced him to go, for he had an opportunity in the night.

When it was found that he had gone, the people out of doors, having beset the Committee, became outrageous, and at last after I had done all in my power, with the utmost difficulty they allowed the Committee to grant me till Monday next to produce M[r] Munro. I had before this sent two active men, appointed by the people, after him, at my expense, and there are two men gone since to whom I pay a Dollar a day each, pay their expenses and find horses

Notwithstanding all this, & that I made oath that I fully expected he would not have gone away before attending the Committee, the private animosity of some men, renders my property insecure & brings my family into the utmost terror. Jasper Wirt who built the house in which I have peaceably lived for these ten years has endeavoured to get people to join him in pulling it down, Alledging that when I drew the articles of agreement which he & I interchangeably signed & sealed, I read those parts only which I thought fit & passed over other parts, thereby deceiving him. Every part of which allegation I have already offered to Capt. Andrew Bealls Company to prove, and can at any time prove by authentic papers, to be utterly false.

At the request of your Petitioner the Committee have appointed Monday next to determine what course of conduct should be pursued, however there is reason to fear, from the temper & disposition of many who were present at the late examination that the attempts of the Committee to preserve peace & good order will prove ineffectual, unless this Conven-

tion will take the matter under their consideration and manifest the impropriety and injustice of inflicting punishment on a person, no other wise culpable than by being incapable of producing the absconded party, whose flight was occasioned by a breach of that good order which was by a former Convention enjoined C. J.[2]

R[d] Henderson.

Ann Arundel County Sc[t] 4th Aug[t] 1775.

Rich[d] Henderson made oath that the foregoing narrative is to the best of his knowledge just & true.

Sworn before me. W[m] Eddis.

Prince Georges County Aug[t] 3[d] 1775.

I Thomas Macgill being one of the Committee of the County afores[d] make oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that on Tuesday last after Jasper Wirt with a body of People had expressed great vengeance against Rich[d] Henderson, I was in Company with James Hoggan, & Jasper Wirt coming up M[r] Hoggan asked him why he was so violent, on which Jasper said that he had now dispersed the Company, but they would meet again on Monday. M[r] Hoggan asked him what the people would meet for, to which Jasper answered that he had not yet forgot the building of M[r] Henderson's house.

Sworn to before me Tho[s] Macgill.
Chris[r] Lowndes.

(N° 9)

To the Honourable the Delegates of the Freemen of the Province of Maryland in Convention now assembled.

The Memorial of James Christie Jun[r] of Baltimore County, Sheweth.

That your Memorialist did on the 22[d] day of February last, write the Letter, a Copy of which is hereunto annexed to his friend and Cousin German Lieu[t] Colonel Christie in the Island of Antigua. That at the time of writing the said letter, your Memorialist unfortunately could not approve, of the measures then pursued in this Province, as a Petition from the Hon[ble] Continental Congress, was then lying at the Foot of the Throne of Great Britain, the result of which was not at that time known in America.

That the said Letter having been intercepted by means to your memorialist altogether unknown, was on the 13th July instant, laid before the Committee of Baltimore County, who came to such Resolutions on the same, as will appear to this Convention, by Copy of the proceedings hereunto annexed. That in pursuance of the said Resolutions, your Memorialist has already suffered a painful imprisonment, and hath paid to the Guard appointed by the Committee, the Sum of Thirty

C. J.[2] one Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence Current money, as will appear by the Receipt for the same ready to be produced.

That by a Subsequent Resolution of the said Committee, on the 24th instant the said Guard was discharged, on the application of your memorialist for that purpose, upon your memorialist giving an obligation with five securitys not to depart the Province without leave of the said Committee or this Convention, and your memorialist presuming with all deference, to say, that the Letter in question, the contents of which has excited so much uneasiness in the minds of the good people of this Province, could not be productive of any ill effect being wrote by a private individual to his friend and relative, a person who had not the power, if he had the inclination, and who from regard to his own private interest and from the Tyes of Blood (his Wife, Family and fortune being in this Country) cannot be supposed to be active in devising measures to crush the Libertys thereof, and in the most solemn manner your memorialist averrs, that he never harbourd a wish to introduce a Military Force into this Province for the purpose of enslaving the Inhabitants thereof, and your memorialist begs leave to add that he is extremely sorry that his private opinion should have given any offence he was far from intending any, he considered himself as writing to a friend in confidence, and had no expectation or wish that such private opinions would ever appear in publick, or be productive of any publick measures whatever.

That the said Committee having referred all further proceedings on your memorialist's case to the Gentlemen, delegated by this Province to the Continental Congress, and they having referred the same to the consideration of this Convention obliges your Memorialist to make this application, humbly to request that this Honble Convention will consider your memorialists' case, and discharge your memorialist and his securitys from the said obligation, and also grant permission to your memorialist to depart the Province with all convenience, without molestation in person or property.

Your Memorialist relying upon the Wisdom and humanity of this Honble Convention most chearfully submits his case to their decision. Humbly praying,

That the blessings of Peace and Tranquility, may be restored to every part of the British Empire, that the Rights and Privileges of America may be established on a firm and lasting Basis, and a speedy and honourable reconciliation take place between the Parent State, and her Colonies, is the sincere wish of your memorialist

James Christie Junr

Baltimore July 27th 1775.

(N° 10.) C. J.[2]

Annapolis August the 11th 1775

Gentlemen,

We are jointly with Mr William Russell and Mr Daniel Bowly of Baltimore Town Owners of the Brig Nancy, Capt. Lund; Sometime in the month of May last we chartered this Brig to Messrs Wallace Davidson & Johnson to load with Tobacco in Potowmack, for London. She is now loaded and ready to clear out on her intended voyage; but she having lain longer by a considerable time than was expected, in collecting her cargo, and the season having been remarkably dry the worms have injured her bottom to such a degree as to render her unfit to proceed to Sea: and before she can do so her Cargo must be relanded and her bottom sheathed. Work of this kind cannot be done where she lays. We must have her up to Baltimore. Under these circumstances, the work being tedious, we are apprehensive the Vessel cannot be finished previous to the 10th of September. It is our wish to make Rules formed for the benefit of the Community, our line of Conduct, nor would we, we assure you Gentlemen, under any specious pretences, endeavour to infringe them. Our situation is a very peculiar one. We beg you will take it into consideration, and allow us, if not in our power to do it before to reload the above Cargo after the 10th of September. The Vessel & cargo shall be cleared out before. To obviate every suspicion that may arise of intentions to counteract the general Resolves, we desire to be sworn as to the fitness, and condition of the Vessel to take in her Cargo at the time of her going from Baltimore to Potowmack.

We know the arduous business in which you are now engaged Gentlemen must take up much of your attention; We are sorry to be an interruption to it, but hope our situation will be a sufficient apology, as well as farther excuse us, in desiring your speedy directions in this business. The condition of the Vessel being such as to render some immediate Steps necessary to be taken with her.

We are with respect, Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Willm Lux, Mattw Ridley.

(N° 11)

Rules and Articles, for the better Government of the Troops raised, or to be raised, and kept in pay, by and at the joint expence, of the Twelve United English Colonies of North America.

In General Congress of the United Colonies, held at Philadelphia, on the 10th day of May 1775

C. J.[2] Whereas his Majesty's most faithful subjects in these Colonies are reduced to a dangerous and critical situation, by the attempts of the British Ministry, to carry into execution by force of arms several unconstitutional and oppressive Acts of the British Parliament for laying taxes in America, to enforce the collection of these Taxes, and for altering and changing the constitution and internal police of some of these Colonies, in violation of the natural and civil rights of the Colonies.

And whereas hostilities have been actually commenced in the Massachusetts Bay, by the British troops under the command of General Gage, and the lives of a number of the inhabitants of that Colony destroyed: The Town of Boston not only having been long occupied as a Garrisoned Town, in an Enemys Country, but the inhabitants thereof treated with a severity and cruelty not to be justified even towards declared enemies. And whereas large reinforcements have been ordered, and are soon expected, for the declared purpose of compelling these Colonies to submit to the operation of the said Acts, which hath rendered it necessary and an indispensable duty, for the express purpose of securing and defending these Colonies, and preserving them in Safety against all attempts to carry the said Acts into execution. That an armed force be raised sufficient to defeat such hostile designs, and preserve and defend, the lives, liberties and immunities of the Colonists, for the due regulating and well ordering of which— Resolved, That the following Rules and Orders be attended to and observed by such forces as are or may hereafter be raised for the purpose aforesaid.

Article 1. That every Officer who shall be retained, and every Soldier who shall serve in the Continental Army, shall at the time of his acceptance of his commission or inlistment, subscribe these rules and regulations, and that the Officers and Soldiers already of that Army, shall also as soon as may be, subscribe the same, from the time of which subscription every Officer and Soldier shall be bound by these regulations. But if any of the Officers or Soldiers, now of the said Army do not subscribe these rules and regulations, then they may be retained in the said Army, subject to the rules and regulations under which they entered into the service, or be discharged from the Service at the option of the Commander in Chief.

Art. 2. It is earnestly recommended to all Officers and Soldiers diligently to attend divine Service; and all Officers and Soldiers who shall behave indecently or irreverently at any place of divine worship, shall if Commissioned Officers, be brought before a Court Martial, there to be publickly and severely reprimanded by the President; if non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, every person so offending, shall for his

first Offence, forfeit one sixth of a Dollar to be deducted out of his next pay; for the second Offence he shall not only forfeit a like sum, but be confined for twenty four hours; and for every like Offence shall suffer and pay in like manner, which money so forfeited shall be applied to the sick soldiers of the Troop or Company to which the Offender belongs. C. J.[2]

Art. 3. Whatsoever non commissioned Officer, or Soldier shall use any profane oath or execration, shall incur the penalties expressed in the Second Article; and if a non-commissioned Officer be thus guilty of profane cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence, the sum of four shillings lawful money.

Art. 4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the General or Generals, or Commander in Chief of the Continental forces, or shall speak false words, tending to his, or their hurt, or dishonour, shall be punished according to the nature of his Offence, by the judgment of a general Court Martial.

Art. 5. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any Mutiny or sedition in the Regiment, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other regiment, troop or company of the Continental forces, either by land or sea, or in any party, post, detachment or guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer such punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 6. Any Officer, non commissioned Officer or Soldier, who being present at any mutiny or sedition, does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any mutiny, or intended mutiny, does not, without delay, give information thereof, to the Commanding Officer, shall be punished by order of a general Court Martial according to the nature of his Offence.

Art. 7. Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw or offer to draw or shall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his Office, on any pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such punishment, as shall according to the nature of his Offence, be ordered by the sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 8. Any non commissioned Officer or Soldier who shall desert, or without leave of his Commanding Officer absent himself from the Troop or Company to which he belongs, or from any detatchment of the same, shall upon being convicted thereof be punished according to the nature of his Offence, at the discretion of a general Court Martial.

Art. 9. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to

C. J.[2] desert shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a General Court Martial.

Art. 10. All Officers of what condition soever shall have power to part and quell all quarrels, frays and disorders, though the persons concerned should belong to another Regiment, troop, or Company: And either order Officers to be arrested, or non commissioned Officers or Soldiers to be confined or imprisoned till their proper superior Officers should be acquainted therewith; and who ever shall refuse to obey such Officer (though of an inferior rank) or shall draw his sword upon him, shall be punished at the discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 11. No Officer or Soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking speeches or gestures to another; nor shall presume to send a challenge to any person to fight a duel; and whoever shall knowingly and willingly suffer any person whatsoever to go forth to fight a duel, or shall second, promote or carry any challenge, shall be deemed as a principal; And whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall upbraid another for refusing a challenge, shall also be considered as a Challenger; and all such Offenders, in any of these or such like cases, shall be punished at the discretion of a General Court Martial.

Art. 12. Every Officer commanding in quarters, or on a march, shall keep good order, and to the utmost of his power, redress all such abuses, or disorders which may be committed by any Officer or Soldier under his Command; if upon any complaint made to him of Officers or Soldiers beating, or otherwise ill treating any person, or of committing any kind of Riot to the disquieting of the Inhabitants of this Continent; he the said Commander, who shall refuse, or omit to see justice done on the Offender or Offenders, and reparation made to the party or parties injured as far as the Offenders wages shall enable him or them, shall upon due proof thereof, be punished as ordered by a general Court Martial, in such manner as if he himself had committed the crimes or disorders complained of.

Art. 13. If any Officer should think himself to be wronged by his Colonel, or the commanding Officer of the Regiment, and shall upon due application made to him, be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the General or Commander in Chief of the Continental forces in order to obtain justice, who is hereby required to examine into said complaint and see that justice be done.

Art. 14. If any inferior Officer or Soldier shall think himself wronged by his Captain or other Officer commanding the troops or Company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is

hereby required to summon a Regimental Court Martial for C. J.[2]
the doing justice to the complainant, from which Regimental Court Martial, either party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a general Court Martial; but if upon a second hearing, the appeal shall appear to be vexatious and groundless, the person so appealing shall be punished at the discretion of the General Court Martial.

Art. 15. Whatsoever non commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall be convicted at a Regimental Court Martial, of having sold, or designedly, or through neglect, wasted the ammunition, arms or provisions, or other Military Stores, delivered out to him, to be employed in the service of this Continent, shall, if an Officer be reduced to a private centinal; and if a private Soldier, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental Court Martial.

Art. 16. All non-commissioned Officers and soldiers who shall be found one mile from the Camp, without leave in writing from their commanding Officer shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted on him or them by the sentence of a regimental Court martial.

Art. 17. No Officer or Soldier shall lie out of his quarters, or camp, without leave from the Commanding Officer of the regiment, upon penalty of being punished according to the nature of his Offence by order of a regimental Court martial.

Art. 18. Every non commissioned Officer and Soldier shall retire to his quarters, or tent at the beating of the retreat; in default of which he shall be punished according to the nature of his Offence, by order of the Commanding Officer.

Art. 19. No Officer, non commissioned Officer or Soldier shall fail of repairing, at the time fixed, to the place of parade or exercise, or other rendezvous appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by sickness, or some other evident necessity; or shall go from the said place of rendezvous, or from his guard, without leave from his commanding Officer before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on penalty of being punished according to the nature of his Offence, by the sentence of a regimental Court Martial.

Art. 20. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be found drunk on his guard, party or other duty, under Arms, shall be cashiered for it: any non commissioned Officer or Soldier so offending, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a regimental Court Martial.

Art. 21. Whatsoever centinel shall be found sleeping upon his post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general Court martial.

Art. 22. Any person belonging to the Continental Army,

C. J.[2] who by discharging of fire arms beating of drums, or by any other means whatsoever, shall occasion false alarms, in Camp or quarters, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general Court martial.

Art. 23. Any Officer or Soldier who shall without urgent necessity, or without leave of his superior Officer, quit his platoon or division, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence, by the sentence of a regimental Court martial.

Art. 24. No officer or soldier shall do any violence, or offer any insult or abuse to any person who shall bring provisions or other necessaries to the Camp or quarters of the Continental Army; Any officer or Soldier so offending shall, upon complaint being made to the Commanding Officer, suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental Court martial.

Art. 25. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall shamefully abandon any post committed to his charge or shall speak words inducing others to do the like in time of an engagement shall suffer death immediately.

Art. 26. Any person belonging to the Continental Army, who shall make known the Watch word to any person who is not entitled to receive it, according to the rules and discipline of War, or shall presume to give a parole or watch word different from what he received shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general Court martial.

Art. 27. Whosoever belonging to the Continental Army shall relieve the enemy with money, victuals, or ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour or protect an enemy shall suffer such punishment as by a general Court martial shall be ordered.

Art. 28. Whosoever belonging to the Continental Army, shall be convicted of holding correspondence with or of giving intelligence to the enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer such punishment, as by a general Court martial shall be ordered.

Art. 29. All public stores taken in the Enemys Camp or Magazines, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, clothing or provisions, shall be secured for the use of the United Colonies.

Art. 30. If any Officer or Soldier shall leave his Post or Colours in time of an engagement, to go in search of plunder, he shall upon being convicted thereof before a general Court Martial suffer such punishment, as by said Court martial shall be ordered.

Art. 31. If any Commander of any Post, intrenchment, or fortress shall be compelled by the Officers or Soldiers under his command to give it up to the enemy, or to abandon it, the

commissioned Officer, non commissioned Officers or Soldiers C. J.[2]
who shall be convicted of having so offended, shall suffer death or such other punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the sentence of a general court martial.

Art. 32. All sutlers and retailers to a camp, and all persons whatsoever serving with the Continental Army in the field, though not enlisted Soldiers, are to be subject to the Articles, rules and regulations of the Continental Army.

Art. 33. No general Court Martial shall consist of a less number than thirteen, none of which shall be under the degree of a Commissioned Officer. And the president shall be a field Officer: And the president of each and every Court Martial whether general or regimental shall have power to administer an oath to every witness, in order to the trial of Offenders: And the members of all Courts martial shall be duly sworn by the President; And the next in rank on the Court martial shall administer the oath to the President.

Art. 34. The members both of general and regimental Courts martial, shall, when belonging to different corps, take the same rank which they hold in the Army, but when Courts martial shall be composed of Officers of one corps, they shall take their ranks according to their commissions by which they are mustered in said Corps.

Art. 35. All the members of a Court martial are to behave with calmness, decensy and impartiality, and in giving of their votes, are to begin with the youngest or lowest in commission.

Art. 36. No field Officer shall be tried by any person under the degree of a Captain, nor shall any proceedings or trial be carried on, excepting between the hours of eight in the morning, and three in the afternoon, except in cases which require an immediate example.

Art. 37. The Commissioned Officers of every regiment may by the appointment of their Colonel or Commanding Officer hold regimental Courts martial for the enquiring into such disputes, or criminal matters as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal punishments, for small offences, and shall give judgment by the majority of voices; but no sentence shall be executed till the commanding Officer (not being a member of the Court Martial) shall have confirmed the same.

Art. 38. No regimental Court martial shall consist of less than five officers, excepting in cases where that number cannot be conveniently assembled, when three may be sufficient, who are likewise to determine upon the sentence by the majority of voices; which sentence is to be confirmed by the Commanding Officer, not being a member of the Court Martial.

Art. 39. Every Officer commanding in any fort, castle or

C. J.[2] barrack, or elsewhere where the corps under his command consists of detachments from different regiments or of independent companies, may assemble Courts martial for the trial of offenders in the same manner as if they were regimental, whose sentence is not to be executed, till it shall be confirmed by the said Commanding Officer.

Art. 40. No person whatsoever shall use menacing words, signs or gestures in the presence of a Court Martial then sitting, or shall cause any disorder or riot, so as to disturb their proceeding, on the penalty of being punished at the discretion of the said Court martial.

Art. 41. To the end that offenders may be brought to justice; whenever any Officer or Soldier shall commit a crime deserving punishment, he shall by his commanding Officer if an Officer, be put in arrest; if a non commissioned Officer or Soldier be imprisoned till he shall be either tried by a Court martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by proper authority.

Art. 42. No Officer or Soldier who shall be put in arrest, or imprisonment shall continue in his confinement more than eight days, or till such time as a Court martial can be assembled.

Art. 43. No Officer commanding a guard, or provost martial shall refuse to receive or keep any prisoner committed to his charge by an Officer belonging to the Continental forces; which Officer shall at the same time deliver an account in writing, signed by himself, of the crime of which the said prisoner is charged.

Art. 44. No Officer commanding a guard, or provost martial shall presume to release any prisoner committed to his charge without proper authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any prisoner to escape, on the penalty of being punished for it, by the sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art. 45. Every Officer, or provost martial to whose charge prisoners shall be committed, is hereby required, within twenty four hours after such commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his guard, to give in writing to the Colonel of the regiment, to whom the prisoner belongs (where the prisoner is confined upon the guard belonging to the said regiment, and that his offence only relates to the neglect of duty in his own corps) or to the Commander in Chief, their names, their crimes, and the names of the Officers who committed them, on the penalty of being punished for his disobedience or neglect, at the discretion of a general Court martial.

Art. 46. And if any Officer under arrest shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by a superior power, he shall be cashiered for it.

Art. 47. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be con-

victed before a general Court martial of behaving in a scan- C. J.[2]
dalous, infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the character of an Officer and a gentleman, shall be discharged from the service.

Art. 48. All officers, conducters, gunners, matrosses, drivers, or any other persons whatsoever receiving pay or hire in the service of the Continental Artillery shall be governed by the aforesaid rules and articles, and shall be subject to be tried by Courts martial, in like manner with the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental troops.

Art. 49. For differences arising amongst themselves, or in matters relating solely to their own Corps, the Courts martial may be composed of their own Officers, but where a number sufficient of such Officers cannot be assembled, or in matters wherein other corps are interested, the Officers of Artillery shall sit in Courts martial with the Officers of the other corps.

Art. 50. All crimes not capital and all disorders and neglects which Officers and Soldiers may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, though not mentioned in the articles of War, are to be taken cognizance of by a general or regimental Court martial, according to the nature and degree of the Offence, and be punished at their discretion.

Art. 51. That no person shall be sentenced by a Court martial to suffer death, except in the cases expressly mentioned in the foregoing articles, nor shall any punishment be inflicted at the discretion of a Court martial, other than degrading, cashiering, drumming out of the Army, whipping not exceeding thirty nine lashes, fine not exceeding two months pay of the Offender, imprisonment not exceeding one month.

Art. 52. The field Officers of each and every regiment are to appoint some suitable person belonging to such regiment, to receive all such fines, as may arise within the same, for any breach of any of the foregoing articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the relief of such sick, wounded or necessitous soldiers as belong to such regiment; and such person shall account with such Officer for all fines received, and the application thereof.

Art. 53. All members sitting in Courts martial shall be sworn by the President of said Courts, which President shall himself be sworn by the Officer in said Court next in rank; the oath to be administered previous to their proceeding to the trial of any Offenders in form following, viz: "You A. B. swear that you will well and truly try and impartially determine the cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, according to the rules for regulating the Continental Army; So help you God."

C. J.[2] Art. 54. All persons called to give evidence in any case before a Court martial, who shall refuse to give evidence, shall be punished for such refusal, at the discretion of such Court Martial; the oath to be administered in the form following, viz: "You swear the evidence you shall give in the case now hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, So help you God"

Art. 55. Every Officer commanding a regiment, troop or company shall upon notice given to him by the Commissary of the musters, or from one of his deputies, assemble the regiment, troop or company under his command, in the next convenient place for their being mustered.

Art. 56. Every Colonel or other field Officer, or Officer commanding any Corps, to which there is no field Officer, and actually residing with it, may give furloughs to non commissioned Officers and soldiers, in such numbers, and for so long a time, as he shall judge to be most consistent with the good of the service; but no noncommissioned Officer or soldier shall, by leave of his Captain, or inferior officer commanding the troop or company (his field officer not being present) be absent above twenty days in six months, nor shall more than two private men be absent at the same time from their troop or Company, excepting some extraordinary occasion shall require it, of which occasion the field Officer present with, and commanding the regiment or independent Corps, is to be judge.

Art. 57. At every muster the Commanding Officer of each regiment, troop, or company then present, shall give to the Commissary of musters certificates signed by himself, signifying how long such Officers noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers who shall not appear at the said muster have been absent, and the reason of their absence, which reasons, and the time of absence, shall be inserted in the muster rolls opposite to the respective names of such absentees: The said certificates shall together with the muster rolls be by the said Commissary transmitted to the general, and to this or any future congress of the United Colonies, or Committee appointed thereby, within twenty days next after such muster being taken; on failure whereof, the Commissary so offending shall be discharged from the service.

Art. 58. Every Officer who shall be convicted before a general Court martial of having signed false certificate, relating to the absence of either Officer, non commissioned Officer or private soldier, shall be cashiered.

Art. 59. Every Officer who shall knowingly make a false muster of man or horse, and every Officer or Commissary who shall willingly sign, direct, or allow the signing of the

muster rolls, wherein such false muster is contained, shall upon proof made thereof, by two witnesses before a general Court martial be cashiered, and moreover forfeit all such pay as may be due to him at the time of conviction for such Offence. C. J.[2]

Art. 60. Any Commissary who shall be convicted of having taken any gift or gratuity on the mustering any regiment, troop or company, or on the signing the muster rolls, shall be displaced from his Office, and forfeit his pay, as in the preceding article.

Art. 61. Any Officer who shall presume to muster any person as a soldier, who is at other times accustomed to wear a livery, or who does not actually do his duty as a Soldier shall be deemed guilty of having made a false muster, and shall suffer accordingly.

Art. 62. Every Officer who shall knowingly make a false return to the Commander in Chief of the American forces, or to any, his superior Officers, authorised to call for such returns, of the State of the regiment, troop, company or garrison under his command, or of arms, ammunition, clothing or other Stores thereunto belonging, shall by a Court martial be cashiered.

Art. 63. The Commanding Officer of every regiment, troop, independent company, or garrison, in the service aforesaid shall in the beginning of every month, remit to the Commander in Chief of said forces an exact return of the State of the regiment, troop independent Company or garrison under his command specifying the names of the Officers, not then residing at their posts, and the reason for, and the time of their absence: Whoever shall be convicted of having through neglect or design omitted the sending such returns, shall be punished according to the nature of his crime, by the judgment of a general Court martial.

Art. 64. No sutler shall be permitted to sell any kind of liquors or victual, or to keep their houses or shops open for the entertainment of soldiers after nine at night, or before the beating of the reveilles, or upon Sundays, during divine Service or Sermon, on the penalty of being dismissed from all future suttling.

Art. 65. All Officers commanding in the Camp, or in any forts, barracks or garrisons, are hereby required to see that the persons permitted to suttle shall supply the soldiers with good and wholesome provisions at a reasonable price, as they shall be answerable for their neglect.

Art. 66. No officers commanding in any Camp, garrisons, forts or barracks shall either themselves exact exorbitant prices for either houses or stalls, let out to suttlers, or shall connive at the like exactions in others, nor lay any duty or impositions upon, or be interested in the sale of such victuals, liquors or

C. J.[s] other necessaries of life which are brought into the Camp, garrison, fort or barracks, for the use of the Soldiers, on the penalty of being discharged from the Service.

Art. 67. That the General or Commander in Chief for the time being shall have full power of pardoning or mitigating any of the punishments ordered to be inflicted for any of the offences mentioned in the foregoing Articles, and every offender convicted as aforesaid, by any regimental Court Martial, may be pardoned, or have his punishment mitigated by the Colonel or Officer commanding the regiment.

Art. 68. When any Commissioned Officer shall happen to die or be killed in the Service of the United Colonies, the Major of the regiment, or the Officer doing the Major's duty in his absence shall immediately secure all his effects, or equipage then in Camp or quarters, and shall before the next regimental Court Martial make out inventory thereof, and forthwith transmit the same to the Office of the Secretary of the Congress, or Assembly of the province in which the Corps is stationed, or shall happen to be at the time of the death of such Officer; to the end that his executors may, after payment of his debts in quarters, and interment, receive the overplus, if any be, to his or their use.

Art. 69. When any non commissioned Officer or private Soldier shall happen to die or be killed in the Service of the United Colonies, the then commanding Officer of the troop or Company, shall, in the presence of two other Commissioned Officers, take an account of whatever effects he dies possessed of, and transmit the same, as in the case above provided for, in order that the same may be secured for, and paid to their respective representatives.

By order of the Congress
John Hancock, President
Charles Thompson, Secretary

Philadelphia, June 30, 1775.

A true Copy from the minutes.

N° 12.

August 2[d] 1775.

By the Committee, appointed by the Honb[le] Provincial Convention, to enquire into the practicability of establishing a manufactory of Arms within this Province, and the expense and best mode to carry the same into execution.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the establishing a public Manufactory of Arms, in this Province, would be attended with great expense, much delay and would by no means answer the exigencies of the Province; but from the best information, in so short a time to be procured, do conceive that Arms may be furnished sooner, and at less expense

by engaging immediately all Gun Smiths, and others concerned in carrying on that business. We therefore beg leave to recommend, that proper persons be appointed in each County to contract the Gun Smiths in their several Districts, and that a sum of Public money be lodged in their hands, to be advanced at their discretion to the Contractors (on Security) to enable them with greater expedition to fulfil their engagements. C. J.[2]

There are three Gun Smith Shops in Baltimore Town, one in George Town, four in Fredericktown, one near Frederick Town, two in Hagers Town, one in Jerusalem Town, in the whole amounting to twelve. We are informed that each of these Shops can in one month, complete twenty substantial musquets (the dimensions of which may be 42 inches in length, ¾ of an Inch clear in the bore 1½ inch diameter at the breech, and ⅞ of an Inch at the Muzzle) with Steel rammers and Bayonets 20 Inches in length including the Stock. The price of the Musquet with its Bayonet may be about four pounds, the Cartridge Box of 23 charges & Sling, the Sling for the Musquet, the Scabbard and belt for the Bayonet will altogether cost about 20/

So that by this mode 240 musquets may be furnished monthly. Besides we are informed there are several Gun Smiths on the Eastern Shore and in other places. And we apprehend that from the great encouragement Artificers in this business will receive, their number will soon be greatly increased, and therefore the quantity of Arms we want may be furnished in a much shorter time than the above calculation supposes. And we offer it as our opinion that a proportion of Rifles may be also had, if it should be found necessary. Should that be the case we recommend them to be three feet four Inches in length, and one half inch the Bore which we suppose may be had, well fixed, at about £5. each, and we apprehend that Swords and Tomahawks may also be manufactures in this Province.

If this mode meets with your Approbation, we recommend, that each Gun be proved before it shall be received, and when proved, that the word Maryland be stamped on the Barrel. We further offer our opinion that the Persons to be appointed to contract, shall from time to time advise the,
of the number of Guns by them received, to the end that some further Provision may be made in case this mode shall not be found to answer the purpose of procuring Arms with expedition. All this we humbly submit to the consideration of the Hon[ble] Convention.

C. Beatty
Stephen West
W[m] Buchanan
John Hanson J[r]
James Murray
J[r] To[y] Chase
Will Deakins Jun[r]

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(№ 13.)

ASSOCIATION OF THE FREEMEN OF MARYLAND

July 26. 1775.

THE long premeditated, and now avowed design of the British Government, to raise a revenue from the property of the colonists without their consent, on the gift, grant and disposition of the Commons of Great Britain; the arbitrary and vindictive statutes passed under color of punishing a riot, to subdue by Military force, and by famine, the Massachusetts Bay; the unlimited power assumed by parliament to alter the charter of that province, and the constitution of all the colonies, thereby destroying the essential securities of the lives, liberties and properties of the colonists; the commencement of hostilities by the ministerial forces, and the cruel prosecution of the War against the people of the Massachusetts Bay, followed by General Gage's proclamation, declaring almost the whole of the Inhabitants of the united colonies, by name or description, rebels and traitors are sufficient causes to arm a free people in defence of their liberty, and to justify resistance, no longer dictated by prudence merely, but by necessity, and leave no alternative but base submission or manly opposition to uncontroulable tyranny. The CONGRESS chose the latter, and for the express purpose of securing and defending the united colonies, and preserving them in safety, against all attempts to carry the above-mentioned acts into execution by force of arms,

RESOLVED, that the said colonies be immediately put into a state of defence, and now supports, at the joint expence, an army to restrain the further violence, and repel the future attacks of a disappointed and exasperated enemy.

WE therefore inhabitants of the Province of Maryland, firmly persuaded that it is necessary and justifiable to repel force by force, do approve of the opposition by Arms to the British troops, employed to enforce obedience to the late acts and statutes of the British parliament, for raising a revenue in America, and altering and changing the charter and constitution of the Massachusetts Bay, and for destroying the essential securities for the lives, liberties and properties of the subjects in the united colonies. And WE do unite and associate, as one band, and firmly and solemnly engage and pledge ourselves to each other, and to America, that we will to the utmost of our power, promote and support the present opposition, carrying on, as well by Arms, as by the continental association, restraining our commerce.

AND as in these times of public danger, and until a reconciliation with Great Britain, on constitutional principles is effected (an event we most ardently wish may soon take place) the energy of government may be greatly impaired, so that even zeal unrestrained, may be productive of anarchy and confusion; WE do in like manner unite, associate, and solemnly engage in maintenance of good order, and the public peace, to support the civil power in the due execution of the laws, so far as may be consistent with the present plan of opposition; and to defend with our utmost power all persons from every species of outrage to themselves or their property, and to prevent any punishment, from being inflicted on any offenders, other than such, as shall be adjudged by the civil magistrate, continental congress, our convention, council of safety, or committees of observation. C. J.[a]

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Jereh Jordan
Jn. A. Thomas
W. Smallwood
Danl Jenifer
R. Hooe
J. H. Stone
Will. Harrison
S. Hanson of Sam.
Jno. Dent
Edwd Gantt
Samuel Chew
Edwd Reynolds
Benj. Mackall 4th
Josia Beall
Robt. Tyler
Thos Contee
Joseph Sim
Turbutt Wright
Jas. Tilghman of Annapolis
Th. Wright
Jas Hollyday
Rd Earle
Soln Wright
Jas Lloyd Chamberlaine
Nic. Thomas
Edwd Lloyd
Peregrine Tilghman
Wm Hindman
R. Tilghman Jun.
Jams Benson
F. Baker

Benjn Hall
John Contee
W. Bowie
O. Sprigg
Jos. Beall
Thos Gantt Junior
Walter Bowie
David Craufurd
Stephen West
Tho. Sim Lee
J. Rogers
Samuel Chase
Th. Johnson Junr
Brice B. Worthington
Rezin Hammond
J. Hall
William Paca
Matthias Hammond
Chas. Carroll
Chas. Carroll of Carrollton
Ephraim Howard of Hy
Thomas Dorsey
Robert Goldsborough
Henry Hooper
James Murray
Thos Ennalls
Nath. Potter
Will. Richardson
Richd Mason
Joshua Clark
Peter Adams
John Stevens
Wm Hopper
Henry Dickinson
Wm Waters
Wm Rolleston
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Benj. Nicholson
Wm. Buchanan
J. Toy Chase
John Cradock
Thomas Harrison
Darby Lux
John Moale
Robt Alexander
Chas Ridgely son of Wm
Saml. Handy
Zadok Purnell
Wm. Morris
Thos Stone

Benedct Edwd Hall
Ths Bond
Richd Dallam
Ignatius Wheeler J
Wm. Webb
John Veazey Junr
Jno. D. Thompson
John Cox
Peter Lawson
Nat. Ramsey
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29th AUGUST 1775

TO THE 19th MARCH 1776.

Constitution of the Council of Safety in Provl Congress June 14th 1775 C. S. J.

Resolved

That the persons to be appointed to direct and regulate the operations of the troops and for other purposes be stiled and denominated the Council of Safety.

That it consist of thirteen members and such of the Delegates of this Colony as shall not hold Commissions, and are not entitled to receive Pay in the provl Army.

That no military officer receiving Pay in the service of this Colony be eligible to sit in the Council of Safety

That the said Council of Safety or a majority of such as may be in the Colony shall have power to issue Commissions for the Army as well to those elected by the provl Congress as in Cases of Vacancy by Death or otherwise

That the said Council or a Majority of them be vested with full power & authority to suspend any officer in the army when they shall think it necessary and shall within a convenient time not exceeding forty Days after such suspension order a general Court Martial to sit for the Trial of such officer whose sentence shall be final unless it shall be otherwise determined by the provincial Congress.

That the said Council of Safety shall have the supreme Direction, Regulation, Maintenance & ordering of the Army and all military Establishments & arrangemts subject always to the Controul of the Congress.

That if upon any emergency it shall appear necessary to the Council of Safety to call forth the militia they shall have full power & authority to cary the acts of assembly for Regulating the militia of this Colony in all Respects into Execu.

C. S. J. as in time of alarm & that such of the Militia officers & Men as shall be draughted & employed shall be allowed a daily pay & Ration equal to the Pay allowed in the new raised Regiments of Foot: That if any just Complaint shall be made ag^{t} any officer in the militia or that there any vacancys in any of the Regiments or Companies of militia in this Colony, & that Commis. cannot be procured in the usual channel, the Council of Safety may in such Cases remove such officer & forthwith appoint another in his stead & appoint officers where there are or may be vacancies as afs^{d}.

That one Mode of Exercise shall be used by the Militia throughout this Colony, & that the Council of Safety do without delay fix on some proper manual Exercise & cause the same to be printed & dispersed.

Council to invite 50 Catawba Indians.

That in general the Council of Safety be impowered & authorised to do all such Matters & Things relative to the strenghthening securing & defending the Colony as shall by them be deemed & judged expedient & necessary.

That upon any vacancy happening in the Council of Safety during the Recess of the Congress the general Commee shall be authorized to fill up such vacancy by Ballot after having given three weeks notice thereof in the Gazette.

Original draft.

[Council to Governor Eden.]

May it please y^{r} Ex.

We are persuaded that a proclamation wou'd serve only to enflame & irritate, there has already been sufficient Experience not only of the Inefficacy; but of the Impolicy of this Measure in the Colonies where it has been pursued & had the Effect of it been foreseen we presume it wou'd not have been recommended. We are aware of your Excellency's delicate Situation. for want of a full Information of the State of this Province, of the Temper of the people, & the principles by which they are animated, it may be expected in England that you take a part, wch on a just Information, hardly attainable at so great a distance, wou'd not, we imagine be desired, & an Address to the people in a Mode apparently less imperative than that of a Proclamation, we are apprehensive wou'd not be more conciliatory. We most sincerely deplore the present unhappy Condition of the Colonies, & looking forward to the consequences of rigorous coercive Measures, & a determined vigorous Resistance to them, are deeply affected by the prospect of dreadful impending Calamities. permit us Sir, to observe, that whilst the Ideas of Authority, & Dignity on the one side are so opposite to the Ideas of Justice, & Liberty on

the other, whilst a military force is employed to support the former, and to vindicate the Latter, unhappy must be the Contest, unhappy must the issue of it be, whatever may finally be the contingent Decision We most ardently wish to see not only a Cessation of all Hostilities; but a perfect Restoration of peace, good order, & the just Authorities of Government, & a Renovation of that cordial Affection, Intercourse, & Confidence whence so many reciprocal Benefits have been derived to the parent State, & the Colonies, we can with the greatest Truth assert that Independence of G. Britain is not the Aim, or wish of the people of this Province, & that they wou'd chearfully, & in the most explicit Terms, Acknowledge their Subordination, as Instruments of the National Commerce, & the Authority of Parliament to bind them by Laws corresponding with & adapted to this Degree of Subordination; but we do not deny, nor can we reprobate, or disapprove of, their claim to all the Rights, and Privileges of British Subjects compatible with the check & Control exerciseable by the British Legislature for the important purpose of securing, directing, & regulating their commercial Instrumentality, the original view in settling the American Plantations, nor can we wish them to renounce that Right of Property, wch protects the owner's Enjoyment of it by securing it against the Disposal of others without his Consent, a Right wch we conceive to be inseparable from the Nature of Property, without wch Liberty can't exist, & our Charter notwithstanding the Energy & Precision of its Language, notwithstanding the royal Faith solemnly plighted that no part of the Compact it contains, shou'd be violated, or impeached, notwithstanding the various confirmatory Sanctions it has recev'd wou'd become a Delusion, so far our Sentiments correspond with the general persuasion, & in our present Avowal of them, we only repeat our Declaration on a former occasion, tho' we very much disapprove of the violences, wch some rash Men have committed & are not satisfied of the propriety, Utility or Expediency of some Measures that have been recommended, yet are we disposed to make favorable Allowances in the present general Perturbation of Men's Minds flowing from their firm persuasion that the Defence of Liberty requires extraordinary Exertions, & we observe with pleasure that tho' your Excell^{y} cant approve, yet your Humanity inclines you to view them with Indulgence.

[Indorsed August 29, 1776.]

C. S. J. At a Meeting of the [Council of Safety of] Maryland at Annapolis on Tuesday the 29th [August] 1775,

Were present
The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr
Charles Carroll Esqr (Bar.)
Thomas Johnson Junr Esqr
William Paca Esqr
Robert Alexander Esqr
Edward Lloyd Esqr
Samuel Chase Esqr
Charles Carroll Esqr (of Carrollton)
James Hollyday Esqr

The above Members having previously subscribed the Association, The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll, Bar. Thomas Johnson Junr Edward Lloyd and Samuel Chase were qualified before Mr Paca: and Robert Alexander, William Paca, James Hollyday and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton were qualified before Mr Chase by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Gabriel Du Vall was chosen Clerk and qualified before Mr Chase, by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

The Council adjourned till the next Day 11 o'Clock in the Morning.

[Circular to Members.]

Annapolis 23rd August 1775.

Sir.

As some of the gentlemen of the Council of Safety will be at the adjourned prov Court the beginning of next week and several will be obliged to set out for Philadelphia the latter end of the week we propose a meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 29th Inst, that the propositions may be received for erecting a powder mill, salt and Saltpetre works and for the manufacturing of arms or advertising for proper people to undertake these things as well as endeavour to forward some other matters directed by the convention.

Original. [Bordley to Council.]

Gentlemen.

The not having sooner answered the letter, notifying the appointment of me to be one of the Council of Safety, is solely owing to the Pain it gives me to decline that Distinction, from the sense I have of my incapacity to answer the expectations of the Gentlemen of the Convention, in the execution of that office.

The few who realy know my Sentiments, my Principles, & Feelings, will not doubt of my Fidelity to the Interests of my Country; and that, as an Individual, in such sort as is within the reach of my talents, every power will be exerted to that end.

I have the Honor to be
With great regard & request,
Gentlemen
Your obed^{t} humble Servt
Beale Bordley.

August 29th 1775.

The Council [met according to ad]journment. C. S. J.

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer was chosen President.

Resolved, That Mr Charles Beatty of Frederick Town be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of 650 good substantial proved Musquets, 3½ Feet in the Barrel, and of three Quarters of an Inch in the Bore, with good double Bridle Locks, black walnut or Maple Stocks and plain strong brass mounting, Bayonets with Steel Blades 17 Inches long, steel Ramrods, double Screws, priming Wires, and Brushes fitted thereto, with a pair of brass Molds for every Eighty Musquets to cast 12 Bullets on one Side, and on the other side, to cast Shot of such Size, as the Musquet will chamber three of them, for a Sum not exceeding Ten Dollars and two Thirds of a Dollar in Bills of Credit issued by the Resolve of the last Convention for every such Firelock with the above Accoutrements, delivered at George Town or Elk Ridge Landing if required: and may contract to advance one half of the purchase money, on good Security for the Delivery of the Musquets, one third thereof before the first Day of January next, one third thereof before the first Day of March next, and the Residue before the first Day of May next, and on the last Delivery, the Residue of the purchase money to be paid.

Ordered, That the Treasurer [of the Western Shore] pay unto Mr Charles Beatty, or his Order [out of the Bills] of Credit in his Hands, three thousand four hundred and sixty six Dollars and two Thirds of a Dollar, to enable him to advance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Robert Alexander Esqr of Baltimore Town be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of 500 good substantial proved Musquets with the same Accoutrements and like Dimensions with those for which Mr Beatty is empowered to contract, and for the same price, and may contract to advance in the same Manner.

C. S. J. Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay unto Mr Alexander or his Order, two Thousand six hundred and sixty six Dollars and two Thirds of a Dollar out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands to enable him to advance as aforesaid

The Council adjourned till the next Day 10 o'Clock in the forenoon.

Thursday 31st August.

The Council met according to Adjournment

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands pay unto Mr Isaac Harris or his Order four Dollars and two Thirds of a Dollar for every [good substantial proved] Musquet Barrell 3½ Feet long and three [quarters of an] Inch in the Bore agreeable to the one now made and [delivered] and for a pair of brass Molds as aforesaid for every 80 Barrels which the said Harris shall deliver to the said Treasurer before the first Day of May next.

Resolved, That Robert Alexander Esqr be empowered to contract for the purchase of 5000 Cartouch Boxes to hold 23 Rounds of Powder and Ball with good Belts for a sum not exceeding one Dollar for each Cartouch Box and Belt, and for 5000 Gun Belts and 5000 Bayonet Belts for a sum not exceeding one third of a Dollar for each Belt, and for 1650 Scabbards for Bayonets for a Sum not exceeding one third part of a Dollar for each Scabbard.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay unto Mr Alexander or his Order 5000 Dollars out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands to enable him to advance to the Contractors.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay unto Thomas Johnson Jun. Esqr or his Order, Two thousand eight hundred [and fifty dollars to be by him] laid out in the purchase of good double [bridle locks] good plain Brass mounting black Walnut or Maple Stocks, Steel Ramrods, Bayonets with Steel Blades 17 Inches long, double Screws, priming Wires and Brushes for 500 Musquets.

The following Letter from Thomas Jenings Esqr was received by the Council.

Gentlemen

Matters of an interesting Nature require my Attendance in England, and the present Recess of Business enables me to undertake the Voyage with little Inconvenience to my private

Affairs. I propose returning early in the Spring, and have Inducements to believe that I shall have an Opportunity of rendering some Service to the general Cause; if, however, in the present Exigency of the Times my Voyage is deemed improper, I shall decline any further Thoughts of prosecuting it. C. S. J.

I am very respectfully
Gentlemen, Your most obed^{t} hble. Servt
Thos Jenings

Septr 1st 1775.

Upon [reading of which ordered] That Mr Jenings be informed that [the Council] see no Impropriety in his Prosecution of his [intention] to go to England.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette.

The Council of Safety desirous of forwarding the Intentions of the Convention in promoting the Manufacture of Salt, Saltpetre, Gunpowder, and fire Arms, request any persons who are inclined to engage, on liberal Encouragement, in the Manufacture of Fire Arms, or to erect a powder Mill in the neighborhood of Baltimore Town, where it will be most beneficial; or Salt, or Saltpetre-works, that they will send their Proposals in Writing to Gabriel Du Vall Clerk of the Council of Safety and they shall be attended to, and speedily answered.

Resolved That the Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr Charles Carroll (of Carrollton) Esqr and Mr Charles Wallace, or any of them, be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of any number not exceeding 1000 good substantial proved Musquets, of the same Dimensions and with the same Accoutrements with those for which Mr Beatty is empowered to contract, and for the same price, and may contract to advance in the same manner.

Ordered, That the Treasurer [of the Western Shore] pay unto the Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esqr and Charles Wallace, or any of them, or their or either of their Order, five thousand three hundred and thirty three Dollars and one third of a Dollar out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands to enable them to advance as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Thomas Johnson Junr Esqr be empowered to contract for the making and Delivery of any number not exceeding 1000 good substantial proved Musquets, of the same Dimensions and with the same Accoutrements with those for which Mr Beatty is empowered to contract and for the same price; and may contract to advance in the same Manner.

C. S. J. Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay unto Thomas Johnson Junr Esqr five thousand three hundred and thirty three Dollars and one third of a Dollar out of the Bills of Credit in his Hands to enable him to advance as aforesaid.

The proceedings of the Committee of Observation for Kent County relating to John Patterson & Robert Buchanan, were read; On Consideration whereof, it is [the opinion of this Council that] that Branch of the Council [of Safety on] the Eastern Shore hath competent Jurisdiction of the Charges contained in the said proceedings; which Opinion is ordered to be certified to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the public Arms delivered out in April last and which have been distributed in Baltimore County, be collected, so that they may be ready to be delivered to the minute-men agreeable to the Order of the last Convention.

Signed by Order
G. Du Vall Clk.

[Brown to Stricker.]

Redstone Fort Byrd 2^{d} Sep^{t} 1775.

Original. D^{r} S^{r}

The bearer Joseph Woodfin will wait on you, requesting you'l do the utmost of your endeavour with the Committee at Frederick Town to procure him as much ammunition as the money he brings will purchase, as our present situation is well known to the gentlemen of your committee, I hope they will not be against supporting a defenceless People who does not know the hour they may be struck by the savages the Indians, the scarcety of money in our country at present prevents our sending for a greater quantity which if you'l please to send Ten pounds worth more I will see the money paid in two months from this time, I myself being a member of the Committee at Pittsburgh obtained a permit from that Committee to send for ammunision, but by accident has lost it or I wou'd have sent it down to you. But you may be assured that I have not sent without the consent of that Committee, please to write me what quantity you deliver to Mr Woodfin & likewise the price for the same. I have nothing particular to communicate to you but the fears of the people, by reason of information to our inhabitants that the Canadians & Indians intends to strike us, but if we can get powder & lead it will spirit the people much more than they are at present.

I am Dr Sr Your very Hb^{l} S^{r}^{t}
Thomas Brown

To Capt George Stricker.

[Stricker to Council.] Original.

Fred^k^ Town Sep^t^ 8th 1775

Gen^t^

The inclosed is a letter which I received from Mr Thos Brown by Express, on the arrival of the Express at this place, I prevailed on the Committee of Correspondence to meet and take the matter into consideration who gave it as their opinion that they could not meddle with the Powder without your approbation, I have with the advise of the Committee dispatched the Express to you, and hope that you will think as I do, that it is essentially necessary to supply them with some small quantity, Mr Brown is a man that I am personally acquainted with, and who I know to be a Gentleman of verasity.

Mr Joseph Woodfield the Express, who will deliver, you this, is a young man with whom I am also acquainted, he is one in whom confidence may be placed,

I am Gent^n^ yrs &^c^
George Stricker.

[Carroll of Carrollton to Jenifer.] Original.

Annapolis 10th Septr 1775.

I send you some letters wh Mr Paca just now sent by the express & bearer hereof Mr Woodfield. I have signed the order drawn by Mr Paca for 2 hundred weight of gun powder. If you & Mr Alexander think it proper, on reading the inclosed letters to share that quantity, you will be pleased to sign the order Mr Woodfield tells me they are also in want of ball. Some perhaps may be spared from Baltimore town, for he tells me it is scarce at Frederick Town. what can be spared by y^r^ committee of Balt. Town. I know not; you & Mr Alexander must settle that matter with the Committee. I am sensible this manner of proceeding is not quite regular, but it would be a great loss of time to call together the Council of Safety, & if we should agree separately to what we should agree if collected together the difference is not material: at this critical juncture, and as the exigency seems pressing we must not stand too much in form. I am Sir y^r^ most hum^l^ Servt
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton.

[Adlum and others to Council.] C. S. C.

Fredk Town Sep^t^ 8th 1775

Gent^n^

We have been applied to by Capt George Stricker, in behalf of the People at Redstone to supply them with part of the

C. S. C. Powder now at this place, as the sole disposal of it rests with you and from the peculiar circumstances of the people in general over the mountains) we have advised the express to wait on you and to make you acquainted with the true circumstances of the people as nearly as he can, we incline to think that they stand much in need of ammunition and that it will be but right to spare them part of what we have if you should think the vouchers he carries are not sufficient to justify you in granting him an order, you will be pleased to inform him how he ought to prepare himself, & he will return to the Committee at Redstone, and wait on you again. We have about 4000 lbs of Powder in the magazine, over which there has been a constant guard ever since the sitting of the convention in May last, our people in this town seem a good deal worried with constant attendance, we shall be glad to be informed what you would have done with it.

We are gent^{n} yr^{s} &^{c}
John Adlum
P. Thomas
R. Johnson.

Original. [Paca to Carroll of Carrollton.]

Sir. The Bearer will deliver you some letters for the Council of Safety. The people on Redstone are alarmed and want powder. The Committee of Frederick are of opinion they ought to have some spared them out of our Stock. I think we might let them have two hundred weight. But how shall we do it without acting in council. If you are of opinion with me to spare the above quantity suppose the Bearer goes up to Baltimore and calls upon Mr Carrol & Alexander and obtain their consent. You and I could sign an order to enclose it to them to sign.

I go to Philad. this afternoon. Y^{s} W. Paca.

To Mr C. Carroll.

Original. [Coft to Paca.]

Sir, I am of y^{r} opinion that 2 hundred weight of powder ought to be spared to the people on Redstone. Write the order, & I will sign it & direct the bearer to return to Frederick by way of Balt. Town please to tell him to call on me with the order.

I am y^{r} most hum. Ser^{t} C. Coft

I wish you a pleasant journey & y^{r} health.

To Wm Paca Esqr

[Johnson and Beatty to Council.] Original.

Fred^k^ Town Sept 15th 1775

Gentlemen

Col. George Slaughter has made application to the Committee of this County for gun powder, who informed him that it was solely at your disposal—he has since been to Philadelphia and several other places, though he was not very successfull, he has returned home and requested of us to lay the inclosed Papers before you, on the perusal of which he hopes you will spare him two quarter casks and send an order for the delivery. The Col. wishes for a return of the Papers & your answer as soon as convenient, you will be pleased to address your answer to

y^r^ Obed^t^ Serv^ts^
B. Johnson C. Beatty

[Beatty to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town Sept. 20th 1775

Gentlemen.

Agreeable to your request to me I have attempted to agree with our gun smiths for the making of Musketts & they will not come into the agreement exactly as your Directions is to me they Differ only in two points which is as followeth—single Bridle Locks instead of Double, ⅔ of the Musketts to be delivered by the first of March next the remainder by the first of May following instead of ⅓ by the first of January ⅓ by the first of March and the remainder by the first of May—every thing else they will comply with, if you approve of the above proposals please to inform me and have about £700, sent me by Capt. George Stricker in order to enable the gun smiths to get the materials for the same.

I am gentlemen your ready friend & well wisher
C. Beatty

[Deakins to Council.] Original.

George Town October 2nd 1775

Gentlemen:

I wrote you last week by Mr John Youst to which have had no answer shall be glad to know if you incline to take Mr Richardson's Rifle & smooth bored Guns, the Council of Safety of Virginia will be glad to take them & he only waits for your answer. To whom should the bond be made payable that I am to take of our gunsmith for the performance of his con-

tract: is it to the Council of Safety, or must I mention the names of you gentlemen of the Council of Safety, please advise me, & I am Gentlemen,

Your Ob^{t} hum Servt

Will Deakins Junr

Original. [Stricker to Council.]

Gentlemen:

Agreeable to your direction I applied to the Committee of this place for an order on Col^{o} Joshua Beall to supply me with arms for my company of minute men. But they satisfied me they had no such power by pointing out a Resolve of the convention, which authorizes the council of Safety alone to direct concerning the distribution of the public arms in Col^{o} Bealls possession.

I beg leave to refer you to that Resolve, and must beg you will as soon as you conveniently can give proper orders for my being supplied. The arms here are now in good order & what number I get shall be kept so. I'm likewise willing to give bond, & security if required, for their being returned barring the accidents of the Field, or such others as human wisdom cannot forsee or prevent. I hope you will think this request reasonable and that you will speedily grant it, & I am with much Respect

Fred^{k} Town Gentlemen, Your most hum. Servt

4th Octr 1775 George Stricker

Original. [Matthews to Purviance.]

Sir: I intended writing you, on Thursday last on the subject of Iron Ordnance, but some unexpected business calling me from home prevented my making the proper estimate of the Boring & other Apparatus necessary for carrying on that Business, so that I could not say any thing with any degree of certainty till now as I have fully considered the matter I find that it will require about £200 worth of Apparatus to go into the Business of mak^{g} guns wch will be of little or no value for any other purpose, the expense of Making Boring drilling & finishing compleat will be about £40 Currency ℔ ton & any size or bore from 9 Pounds downwards may be cast at this Country Furnaces.

If any gentleman sho^{d} incline to have any information respecting the manufacturing of Iron guns, I will give it chearfully. Or I will engage in it myself.

I am Sir your hum Servt

Kingsbur^{y} 14 October 1775. Geo. Matthews.

To Mr Saml Purviance.

[Hair to Neill.] Original

St. Eustatia 28th Decembr 1775.

Dear Sir.

After a passage of 15 days, from Cape Henry we arrived here on the 10th ultº the day following (in the morning) a ship of war appeared in the Offing of this Road, which made Capt Dickinson & I anctious to have the Cargoe landed from on Board the Schooner to effect, which we were both on shore endeavouring to make sales, or find a convenient place in which to store it. In the mean time to our great surprise we perceived the Schooner under way at the appearance of which I applied to some boat men to row me off, but before I could reach her, she was under the guns of the above mentioned ship of war who positively denyed to admit me on board of her, at my return on shore; I found three of the people who gave Capt Dickenson & I the following relation; that the mate & one man had cut the cables and delivered themselves with both vessel and cargoe up to the above ship that they were obliged to make their escape in the boat after many imprecations & threats from the Two villans who were each armed with a Broad ax. I consulted Mr Jennings what to do who advised me to apply to the Governor of this Island to demand her again as Dutch property being anchored under the guns of the Fort & regularly reported. This I did and obtained a flag of Truce pass with letters to Admⁱ Young, giving a detail of the matters and demanding the vessell and cargo to be returned. I went to Antigua where the admⁱ was supposed to be and delivered the governors letters when I received for answer that he could not comply with his request his orders being such it was out of his power; all I could obtain from him was an order for my cloths and that with difficulty whatever money I had in my chest was taken and confiscated along with the cargo. The schooner & Cargoe is now at Navis where they will be tryed & sold. I shall attend the tryall and if it is possible you may depend upon it to take any further step for your advantage I shall not fail to do it. There was neither letters nor papers of any kind left on Board that could argue any thing against us but that of not having a regular clearance what ever expence I have been at I was obliged to borrow here, being left without the means of procuring a dinner or a shift of cloths. I shall write you again after the trial of the vessel in the mean time I am Dr Sir Your very humbⁱ Servt

J. Hair

Inclosed I Returned the Bills of exchange.

To Mr William Neill Merchᵗ Baltº

Original. [Johnson to Council.]

Gentlemen. Fred^k Town Octr 18, 1775

I inclose you certificates of the Enrollments of Capt Chas Beatty and Capt James Johnson's Companies they hope that you will be pleased to have the several Commissions made out as far as convenient, that they may be in rediness to obey the command of the Convention or of yourselves.

I am Gen^t y^r Obed^t Servt
B. Johnson

C. S. J. At a Meeting [of the Council of Safety of] Maryland at Chester Town in Kent [County on Tuesday] the 20th Day of October 1775, were present

The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esqr
James Hollyday
Richard Lloyd
Thomas Smyth, and
Henry Hooper Esq^rs
The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr
Thomas Johnson Junr
Charles Carroll, Barrister,
Robert Alexander, and
Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq^rs

The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esqr Richard Lloyd, Thomas Smith, and Henry Hooper Esq^rs having previously signed the Association, were qualified before Emory Sudler Esqr by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Eleazar McComb was chosen Clerk, and qualified before Mr Sudler, by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

The Council adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

Saturday 21st October 1775

The Council met pursuant to Adjournment.

In Consequence of an Application made by Mr William Whetcroft, of Annapolis, the Council agreed as follows viz.

The Council of Safety promise Mr William Whetcroft that [in case he will next Spring import] a sufficient number of Workmen, and [will deliver for the] use of this Province for every week for two [years] then next following, fifty good substantial proved Musquets 3½ feet long in the Barrel and of three Quarters of an Inch in the Bore, with good double Bridle Locks, black Walnut or maple Stocks, and plain strong

Brass mounting Bayonets with Steel Blades 17 Inches long, C. S. J.
steel Ramrods, double Screws, priming Wires and Brushes fitted thereto, with a pair of brass Moulds for every 80 Musquets, to cast 12 Bullets on one Side, and on the other Side to cast Shot of such Size as the Musquet will chamber three of them, wholly made within this Province, the Public will, provided the Differences continue between Great Britain and the Colonies, take the said 50 Stands p^{r} Week at the Rate of four pounds common money per stand, or for such part of the said two years as the said Differences shall continue: But if happily there should be a Reconciliation between Great Britain and the Colonies after the said Workmen shall embark, and before the End of the said two years, that then the public will, if the said Reconciliation shall take place before the said Workmen shall have been set to work, take an Assignment of the Contracts made by the said Whetcroft with them and pay him not only his actual Expences in procuring and importing the said Workmen, but also forty shillings Sterling for each of the [said workmen imported, for his] Trouble. And if such [reconciliation shall] take place after any Delivery of the said [stands of arms] and before the End of the said two years, that then the public will make an Allowance to the said Whetcroft in Proportion to the part of the two years then unexpired, on such Assignment as aforesaid being made. It is agreed that it shall be at the Option of Mr Whetcroft to fit 800 of the Musquets first delivered with imported Locks, provided the prime Cost of the said Locks be not less than five Shillings Sterling each. It is understood that the Importation of the said Workmen shall be at the Expence & Risque of Mr Whetcroft.

Ordered, That a Copy of the foregoing Agreement, signed by the Clerk, be delivered to Mr Whetcroft, and that it be kept secret.

The Council adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M. and met pursuant to Adjournment.

Whereas Samuel Purviance Junr William Smith, and David Stewart, have certified to this Council that in Consequence of the Resolve of the late Provincial Convention of the 4th Day of August last, sundry Persons have lent and advanced to the public, divers Sums of Money, amounting in the Whole, to Eleven hundred and ninety five pounds three Shillings and six pence Sterling which [they have paid into their hands. It is therefore ordered] That upon [the said Samuel] Purviance Junr William Smith and David Stewart [their certifying] to the Treasurer of the Western Shore the names of the Lenders, and the Sums of Money by them respectively advanced and paid into their Hands; and on the same Certificate and also the Receipt of the said Samuel Purviance Junr William

C. S. J. Smith and David Stewart, for the said monies being produced to the said Treasurer, that then the said Treasurer pay to the said Lenders, or their Order, the Sums by them respectively advanced, according to the Order of Convention.

Mess[rs] Purviance, Smith, and Stewart, having given contingent Orders to Cap[t] Woolsey and Cap[t] Waters for the Importation of sundry Goods, It is the Opinion of this Council, that if any Goods, other than those ordered by the Convention, should be laden on Board, that the same will not be the Adventure, or on the Risk of the public.

Ordered, That the Deputies for this Province in the Continental Congress or any three of them, contract for the purchase of any Quantity, not exceeding 300 Barrels of Gunpowder for the use of this Province, at a Price not exceeding £15 common money p[r] hundred and that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Order of the said Deputies a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred pounds to be by them applied to the purchase.

On Application of [Dr. Ephraim] Howard (son of Henry) for the Loan [of £600] to enable him to carry on the manufacture of Saltpetre, in an extensive manner, It is ordered, That on his producing a Certificate from Major Jenifer and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, or either of them, that he hath given Bond, with sufficient Security, agreeable to the Order of the Convention, The Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the said D[r] Ephraim Howard the Sum of six hundred pounds common money for the purpose aforesaid.

A like Application was made by D[r] Samuel Coale for the Loan of £250, to enable him to carry on a Salt-petre Work. Ordered, That the said Sum of two hundred and fifty pounds common money, be paid him by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, on his producing a Certificate from M[r] Alexander and Charles Carroll, Barrister, or either of them, of his having given Bond with Security, agreeable to the Order of the Convention.

By the Council of Safety of Maryland 21st Oct[r] 1775.

It is recommended to the Officers having the Charge and keeping of the Records in the Secretary's, Land, and Commissary's Offices, that proper Chests not over large, be provided at the public Expence, and the Records of Conveyances, Certificates, Patents and Wills [be placed in three Chests] and kept in the Offices to which they [respectively belong] in Order, that they, as well as the late papers [may] be ready in Case of Emergency to be instantly removed to some place of Security, and there kept under the Care of the proper sworn Officers.

Ordered, That Copies of the foregoing Recommendation be transmitted to the several Offices therein mentioned. C. S. J.

The following notice was ordered to be printed in the Annapolis Gazette, viz.

By the Council of Safety of Maryland October 21st 1775.

The Committees of Observation are requested to compleat their Returns of the Minute and Militia Officers, and the Companies of Militia formed in Battalions agreeable to the Resolves of the late Convention as soon as may be, that the proper Commissions may issue.

Resolved, That there be a Meeting of the Convention at the City of Annapolis on the 4th Day of December next and that the Clerk of this Council inclose a Copy of this Resolve to the Delegates of each County within this Province.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay John Garratt for his Trouble in attending this Meeting, and for providing Wood & Candles, the Sum of forty Shillings common money.

Signed by Order Eleazer McComb Clk.

[Washington to Hancock.] C. S. C

N° 10. Camp at Cambridge October 24. 1775

Sir. My conjecture of the destination of the late squadron from Boston in my last has been unhappily verified by an outrage exceeding in barbarity and cruelty every hostile act practiced among civilized nations. I have enclosed the account given by Mr Jones a gentleman of the town of Falmouth of the destruction of that increasing & flourishing village. He is a very great sufferer and informs me that the time allowed for the removal of effects was so small that valuable property of all kinds and to a great amount has been destroyed. The orders shewn by the Captain for this horrid proceedure by which it appears that the same desolation is meditated upon all the towns on the coast made it my duty to communicate it as quickly and extensively as possible. As Portsmouth was the next place to which he proposed to go General Sullivan was permitted to go up and give them his assistance and advice to ward off the blow. I flatter myself the like event will not happen there as they have a fortification of some strength & a vessel has arrived at a place called Sheepscot with 1500lb of Powder. The gentlemen of the congress have nearly finished their Business but as they write by this opportunity, I must beg leave to refer you to their letter for what

c. s. c. concerns their Commission: We have had no occurrence of any consequence in the Camp since I had the honor of addressing you last But expect every hour to hear that Newport has shared the fate of unhappy Falmouth. I have the honor to be with the most sincere respect. Sir

Your most obedient & humble Servt Geo. Washington.

Falmouth Monday October 16. 1775. The canceaux ship of sixteen guns, commanded by Capt. Mowatt, a large ship, schooner and a sloop armed, anchored below the town The 17th at 3 P. M. they weighed and came up and anchored within Gunshot and immediately chose a committee of three gentlemen and sent them on board to know the reason of that towns being set on fire, he returned for answer that his orders were to set fire on all the seaport towns between Boston & Hallifax and that he expected New York was then burnt to ashes he farther said that when he received orders from the admiral he desired that he might shew some favour to the town of Falmouth, which the admiral granted (I suppose, as Capt Mowatt was under particular obligations to some gentlemen at Falmouth for civilities to him when in captivity amongst them) and which favour was to spare the town till 9 oclock Wednesday morning in case he would send him off eight small arms, which the town immediately did. Wednesday morning being the 18th the committee went on board Capt Mowatt again in order to save the town, til he heard from the admiral in case we would send off four carriage guns deliver up all our small arms, ammunition &c and send four gentlemen of the town as hostages, which the town would not do. about half past nine in the morning he began to fire from the four armed vessels, and in five minutes set fire to the several houses, He continued firing till after dark, the same day, which destroyed the largest part of the town he farther informed the committee that he should proceed to portsmouth and destroy that place also. The foregoing is as near the facts as I am able to remember. As Witness my hand.

signed Pearson Jones

Cambridge Octob. 24. 1775.

Original.

[Gillon to ———]

Sir. If you chuse to import any powder or Arms from Holland think it best that you export the Amt of the Adventure in Tobacco fit for that market in Vessels that do not draw above 13–14 feet water & sail fast filling up Inve & bills of lading with letters as if from St Crus or St Eustatius bound to

Hambro, the officers keeping their Journals accordingly & having no other papers on b^d^ Rotterdam or Amsterdam are the best ports, on their arrival at the outport of either of these ports, let them report to the first officer as Bylyger on board to Hambro from St Crus put in their for orders or in distress, if to Rotterdam let the Capt immedl^y^ proceed up with the proper papers & apply to Messrs Isaac Hubert & Van Rykervarsel desiring them to receive the said cap^t^ under their protection & to wait & follow my orders letting nothing be landed if to Amsterdam the same directions will do to Messrs Nicholas & Jacob Van Staphorst should you approve of this plan please write fr^m^ first port your full directions to Alex^r^ Gillen & Co at Charles Town S^o^ Caroline & copies thereof p^r^ each vessel to Holland which will be duly attended to by.

Sir, Your most Obed^t^ Servt
Alexander Gillon 28th Octr 1775.

[Chase to Council] Original.

Philadelphia November 1st 1775

Gentlemen. The Congress have directed the enclosed Resolutions, and Papers to be transmitted to you. I submit to your consideration whether it would not be proper to communicate copies to the Committee of Observation of each County and request their diligent attention and steady execution of the Resolves, and if Annapolis cannot be defended it would not be adviseable to remove the public Records and Loan Office.

I am gentlemen
With Regard and Respect
Your obed^t^ Servant
Saml Chase

[West to Council.] Original.

Woodyard 2^d^ November 1775

Honourable Gentlemen

Having long foreseen the present Troubles I have endeavoured to provide against them as well as I coud and tried to prevail with all those I conversed with to do so too but to very little purpose—from what motives I shall not take upon me to declare. When the General Congress desired that all men should prepare against the worst, I put my Arms in order laid by what little powder and lead I had and purchased at an advanced price what Powder lead & flints I could conveniently get and powder run presently up to 20£ p^r^ hundred. I have been offered by the People of Virginia at different times first

5/ then 7/6 and lately 10/ a pound for what powder I have it is selling currently at the South Branch at 2 dollars. I have refused parting with any because I think we shall very soon stand in great need of it here in Maryland. When the Convention of December desired all Men to enrol themselves into Companys, to provide a good firelock, Cartridge Box, half a pound of powder & 2^{lb} of lead, & to be ready to march upon any emergency I exerted myself greatly, put myself to a considerable expence, formed a company purchased a Lock Smith & Cutler at a great price on purpose, got 100 cartridge boxes made and woud soon have had the Company in tolerable order; but I presently found my zeal gave offence and every rub and Mortification was thrown in the way, to destroy the Company, so that I threw up in disgust; from what Quarters and factions it is needless to say; but I am extremely sorry to see that very little regard has been since paid to the directions of the Convention as to Arms and Ammunition. a few officers and Privates have tolerable Pieces but for the rest some have none, some without locks or even ramrods nor are there 5 Cartridge Boxes in the Company and all the expostulations as a private man that I can make avails nothing. a fatal backwardness prevails and I lay a considerable part of it to the Account of the officers not obliging the Men to put their Arms into better order which I think they certainly might do.

In December last there was a good deal of powder and lead in the store: instead of the People providing themselves with some & keeping it ready, or in store, it has most shamefully been wasted in Xmas Guns, fired away at birds and squirrels so that now I fear there is very little in the County and that little growing less every day. Our Committee a few days ago applied to me for what I had to dispose among the People which I refused to part with, well knowing that it will go like the rest fired away at Ducks &c. What I have I intend to keep, till it is wanted, to defend us against the Enemy, and I make no doubt the Honorable Council of safety will make me full Amends for my Zeal & Care in the preservation of it. I have some powder, some lead, some Arms, 7 good light Iron Cannon that would carry Balls of 1½^{lb} there are four other new ones at Pigg Point that will carry 3^{lb} balls. if these were put on travelling Carriages they might be of service to defend the Sides of the Rivers against the Tenders, and I suppose some arms and ammunition might be collected and procured, if a proper officer in each County was appointed for that purpose, and otherwise, I think there will not. My Opinion is that there should be a Commissary General of Stores appointed by the Council of Safety in each County, who, might employ proper deputys to every Company & Battalion and collect all

the ammunition & arms into their hands and distribute them as wanted for Actual Service—that every man should be obliged to provide a good firelock and keep it in repair at his own expence and also the Accoutrements named by the Convention—such as are poor to be provided by the County or Publick & lodged with the Commissary—those who are able & do not every day of Mustering appear with their Arms &c in good order to be soundly fined, and the officers fined for suffering such Neglect or degraded. The Commissarys to make a report every field day to the field officers of such Neglects. I am convinced that the Business of Commissarys & Quarter masters are necessary and may very properly be executed by the same persons and without them no Company, Battalion or Detachment will ever be equipped or enabled to March. the Captains & officers depend at present entirely on the Adjutant and the Adjutant teaches only the Exercise, so that the Arms & Ammunition, Accoutrements &c are totally neglected, and if we were to be called out just now we are 9/10^{ths} of us totally unprepared. This is a melancholy situation and surely requires a remedy immediately. The Council of Safety I apprehend might cure the evil by Instructions to the officers either in their Commissions or separate and by appointing such officers as I have named to see to the Execution, vizt the Commissarys of stores and Quarter masters. these would be a Check and also Assistant to the officers. all the old Arms shou^{d} be collected and repaired without delay and new ones as fast as Possible provided. there are a great many good Arms in the Province if all were Collected and repaired &c put into proper hands & places, all which I apprehend would be the duty of the Commissarys & Quarter masters if properly authorized & Commissioned by the Council of Safety. Upon the whole my Zeal for the Cause induces me to offer my service as Commissary General of stores & Quarter Master General for Prince Georges County, and if the Honorable Council of Safety thinks proper to grant me those Commissions with such Orders and Instructions as are absolutely necessary to obtain the desired effect, vizt to arm & discipline the County for its safety and Defence, I will exert every Nerve to put Matters on a regular and good footing. I will draw up a sett of Orders & Instructions which I shall submit to the Honorable Council with all Speed. we meet with daily Alarms which freightens for the present & Immediately blows over and we remain in the same defenceless and supine state as if no danger was at hand or expected.

I am with all imaginable respect,

Honourable Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Stephen West.

I have fitted all my Arms with good Steel Bayonets, all bright as from the Gunsmith, in new wooden cases, and in a Strong Arm Chest locks with handles proper for immediately transportation. all the Arms should be kept so and every Battalion ought to have a Close Ammunition Waggon and a Close Baggage waggon prepared ready to start:

Original. [Tyler to Council.]

Prince Georges County Novr 10th 1775

Gentlemen. It is at the request of several persons of Fortune and Character that I am induced to inform you how partially matters were Conducted with regard to the nomination of Field officers to the Battalion on the upper part of Patuxent, there are six Companies in the Forrest and but three below which gave them an advantage which they took of Nominating whom they pleased. I was present when the Nomination was made and objected strongly to their naming but four, by arguing that they would by that means give you no Alternative whatever, but as they had previously agreed on their men what I said avail^{d} nothing, I have now only to inform you that the persons polled for that day besides those recommended were Mr Barton Lucas, Mr Thomas Snowden, Mr Walter Bowie, Benjamin Ogle Esquire Mr James Mullikin, Mr Reason Beall, Mr William Turnor Wootton & myself any of whom in my humble opinion are equally entitled to your Notice in every respect with those returned, therefore it is to be hoped you will pay no regard to such a recommendation.

I am Gent^{n} with much Respect
Your most Humble Servt
Robt Tyler.

It can be proved there was pains taken to obtain votes by solicitation & I think the persuasive argument was that they should have a majority of Field officers above.

Original. [Mason to Council.]

Virginia, Gunston Hall, Novr 29th 1775.

Gentlemen. Having just received the following important intelligence, and not knowing whether you were apprized of the Character & dangerous designs of Maj^{r} Connelly, I thought it proper imediately to transmit it to your Board, together with a copy of a letter & Intelligence, respecting him, rec^{d} sometime ago from his Excellency General Washington. This appeared to me the more necessary as the prisoners being

taken up in your province, we could give no orders here for their safe Custody.

"Majr Connelly was taken above Frederick Town in Maryland, in his way to the Indian Country and with him a Doctr Smith from Charles County & one Cameron, they are all now fast by the heels in the Goal of Frederick Town. Connelly we are told, had with him a Commission from Genl Gage to raise a number of Indians, & with them to penetrate, thro the Country towards Alexandria, in the spring, where he would be met by Lord Dunmore. Commissions for the other two were to be furnished hereafter."

Who this Doctr Smith is I know not, Cameron I take to be the deputy Indian agent to the southward, from whom a letter was intercepted last July, advising the government to raise a number of the Creek & Cherokee nations, to fall upon the back Inhabitants, offering his service upon the occasion, & boasting of his Interest with these Indians. I make no doubt but your Board will take proper measures to prevent the escape of such dangerous men, and am, with the greatest Respect,

Gentn Your most obdt Servt
G. Mason.

[Cowley to Washington?]

May it please your Excellency

Sir. I hope you will please to pardon my taking the liberty of laying these few lines before your excellency, but if I had not I should have thought it would have been doing a great injustice to my conscience, & I think every well meaning man who is a real friend to liberty would join in my sentiments to stop such outragious actions & rebellious works which are going to be put into execution please your Excellency I lived along with Major John Connelly of Fort Pitt have done this two years last July he was obliged to retire from Fort Pitt the Inhabitants had a suspicion of his being an enemy to his country from thence I went with him down to Portsmouth in Virginia where he got on Board his Excellency Lord Dunmores ship the Royal William where we staid fourteen days & from thence he saild in his Lordships Tender the Arundel for Boston with dispatches to General Gage from Lord Dunmore there we staid ten days from thence we saild to Newport Rhode Island conveyed by the Viper sloop of War of 12 guns commanded by Capt Thomas Greaves & from Rhode Island is to be conveyed to New York & there the Viper parts with her & she is to Portsmouth by herself. As I was one day with the Major in the State room just after we left Boston he asked me

if I was willing to go with him into the Indian Country as he had been with General Gage to get a commission & orders to go into the Indian Countrys to raise the Indians & the French & there is some part of the royal Irish I think he said at Fort Chartres & they have orders from General Gage to join him & he told me they had nine twelve pounders. But as soon as he gets into Virginia & settles his business with his Lordship as he dares not go up the country he intends to take his Lordships Tender & to go to St Augustine & there to get guides to convey him through the Cherokees nation & from thence to the Shawneys mineoes & Delaways but he is to get Commissions from Lord Dunmore for Capt White Eyes & Cornstalk & other of the chiefs & to make them Presents he intends to stay at the Detroit all winter in order to get Boats & Canoes built to bring his Forces up the Ohio & the Cannon the first place he intends to fall upon is Fort Pitt & to take That & then he says that he thinks that most part of that quarter will join him as he says he has orders to give them three hundred acres of land to each man that will join him. and another scheme he told me he was going to put into execution that is in regard to convicts & indentured servants to set them at their liberty & to give them land to join him & when he has taken Fort Pitt he intends to proceed down for Alexandria & there he is to be reinforced by said Dunmore & some men of War & then to sweep all the Country before him. As Your Excellency knows what state that Country his in & I thought it most fitting to disclose it to your Excellency I wrote the letter in Rhode Island to send down lest I could not have had the opportunity of getting from the vessel but I made my escape one night by great chance & a young man that was pressed on Board who is now with his parents in Rhode Island which the Major wanted to go along with him I left all my cloaths & all that I had on Board but that is nothing so I could be of any service to my country & I hope every well meaning man god will reward for so doing I hope your Excellency will excuse my Freedom but I could not be at rest till I had disclosed the matter to your Excellency. please to permit me to subscribe myself,

Your Excellencys hble Servt to command

William Cowley

Original.

[Hooe to Jenifer.]

Alex^{a} Jany 9th 1776

Honble Sir. Capt Conway has never been able to get his Vessell ready to take in till this day tho' he has used great industry, the Weather, the Hollydays &c has been against him.

She is still a very fine vessell, now in the most compleat order and it gives me concern to inform you that, the Capt one of the most active fellows in the world, is about leaving her. of this Capt Conway never gave me the most distant hint, till within these few days, as soon as he made known his intentions I expostulated with and endeavor'd to convince him of the impropriety of leaving the service without giving the Council of Safety due notice to provide another Master, but all in vain. He has had a little Vessell built some where in the lower parts of Virginia, she is finished and come up and he is going out in her. However he promises to stay by the vessel and see things carried on, till another master comes on board you'll therefore be pleased to appoint one and send him to take charge as soon as possible. He says he intended to give you notice at Annapolis, but the Council Room was always full & he never could find an opportunity. if you have not a proper person to spare, there is a Brother of Conways, who I believe to be an able seaman & a very industrious spirited man that has offered himself; He being well acquainted, could pick up men in a short time of w^{h} the vessel is bare, having but 3 on board.

I am Sir y^{r} most
Ob^{t} Servt R. Hooe

If you incline to accept of his brother it will be well to give me orders by next post or he will be engaged.

To The Honble D St T. Jenifer Esqr

[Ewing to Smallwood.]

Original.

Baltimore 10th Jany 1776.

Dr Sir. With pleasure have I heard of your being much better of your late illness, I hope the bearer Mr Joseph Baxter, my Lieu^{t} will find you thoroughly Recovered, he now waits on you and the convention to get the commissions for our Company with orders for enlisting troops, as I suppose it will be found necessary to advance the Soldiers a months pay or some advance money, you will please procure for him what you think Necessary, and I do here engage to be accountable to you or the convention for any money you give him on acc^{t} of our Company. I am in hopes I shall have a very Respectable Company of farmers sons as I am determined I will take very few, if any, out of this Town, if any troops is to be kept in this Town I am in hopes you will indulge me & my Comp^{y} with staying here.

I am with due respect,

Dr Colonel Y^{r} most obed^{t} Hum^{l} Servt
Thos Ewing.

To Col Wm Smallwood.

C. S. C. [Barrister Carroll to Jenifer.]

My dear Major. I communicated your letter to the Gent^{n} you mentioned, they will with the utmost pleasure send their assistance to form a plan for the very good purposes you mention & would most willingly wait on you to dinner to morrow. But think it impossible they can get back time enough to meet the house in the afternoon. Will it be agreeable to the Governor & yourself to take a Scrap Dinner with me tomorrow. You know I cant give you meat but you shall both be most heartily welcome to what I can give you. We expect the convention will break up tomorrow evening. Pray let me hear from you tomorrow mor^{g} early. We must have a meeting

Jany 15, 1776. Y^{r} affec^{t} Hble. Servt Chas Carroll.

I wrote you a note about dinner time on the appointment of the Council of Safety w^{h} I hope you Rec^{d}

To the Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer Esqr

Original. [Courtenay to Barrister Carroll.]

Sir. Your favour of 14th is now before me the contents of which I note. you may be assured that I want no other indulgence in loading the Brig Friendship then others are intitled to by Similar contracts and without vanity can say that I can execute such business on equal terms with any other in Baltimore, but I wish not to sacrifice a commission in giving advanced prices above my limits, as am pretty certain has been the case with some since my writing to you last, I wonder my application has been the first to raise the price as I have been told by several that the Convention was wrote to on same head, but when I wrote you first, the matter was only beginning & that with people who were buying on some private acc^{t} & note, or that of the Convention, which disabled those employed by them from executing their commissions as the County people & millers will always sell to those who give them most; nay some flour that I had bought two days ago, was taken from my door & given to another private buyer, who gave 13/ p^{r} C^{t} for it, under such circumstances, the market is at present; & unless some order is taken therein to put a stop to private buyers it appears that the public must be empeaded. I did inform the Committee that I had engaged between 4 & 500 Barr^{s} which was the case but bad weather has I must suppose stoped the wagons; I have about 170 Barr^{s} flour on board & the bread is ready but that must go in last, I shall go on with loading as fast as flour comes in, & follow your directions. I thought I could not do less then

advise you in my former letter how matters were going on here. Which is still the case this week I think must bring much flour in. I am sir with all respect your very obed^{t} hum^{l} Servt Hn^{y} Courtenay.

Balt^{o} 16 Jany 1776.

To Charles Carroll Esqr Barrister.

At a Meeting of the [Council of Safety] of Maryland at Annapolis on Thursday 18th January 1776: c.

Were present.
The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr
Charles Carroll (Barrister)
Benjamin Rumsey &
James Tilghman Esq^{rs}

The above members were qualified before Mr Thomas Brooke Hodgkin by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Gabriel Duvall was appointed Clerk and qualified before Mr Hodgkin by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr was chosen President.

Ordered, That Captain John Allen Thomas be allowed seven Shillings and six Pence per Week for the Subsistence of each Recruit till otherwise ordered by the Council.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Thomas two hundred pounds common money to enable him to advance to, and subsist his Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Barton Lucas One hundred and twenty pounds common Money for the Purpose mentioned in the above Order.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow Morning half after 9 O'Clock.

[Friday] 19. January 1776.

Council met. present [the] same members as yesterday, and also John Hall Esq. who was qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Archibald Buchanan seven hundred and eight pounds seven shillings and four pence common money, being the Ballance of his Account with the Province, as per Account filed.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock, and met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Joseph Baxter One hundred and twenty Pounds common money for Subsist and advance money for the Company of regular Forces to be raised by Capt. Thomas Ewing.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Patrick Ewing One hundred and twenty pounds for subsist and Advance money for Capt. Nathaniel Ramsey's Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Thomas Harwood and Mr Thomas Goldsmith thirty pounds each for subsist and Advance money for Capt. John Day Scott's Recruits.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt. Robert Forsythe, of the Brig Sam, and to Capt. Thomas Kell, of the Schooner Dolphin.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning half after 9 o'Clock.

Original draft.

[Instructions to Capt. Forsythe.]

Capt Robert Forsythe Sir.

You are to proceed from hence to the Island of Martinico and there deliver the inclosed letter and your cargo to Mr Richard Harrison, if Mr Harrison should not be at the Island of Martinico, addressed to Mr McCreary and if he should not be there, You are in that case to open the letter addressed to Mr Harrison sell your Cargo at the very highest prices you can get, the money arising from the sales you must lay out in gunpowder if you can get it, if not, in muskets fitted with good bayonets & if they are not to be had, salt petre and Sulphur & if you cannot get those articles, then lay out the whole in strong coarse linens & russia duck. And take care you are not imposed on in your purchases. As soon as you have done your business make the best of your way home, and avoid speaking with vessels on the Coast, when you come into the latitude of our capes if you have a strong fair wind in, push up the Bay as far as possible, and if you find it failing, run into some small Harbour & there wait till you have a favourable opportunity to get into Patomac, Patuxent or Annapolis. If you find a better chance of getting into any of the inlets between cape charles and cape Henlopen than into our Bay, you may push into one of them, and send an express to the Council of Safety, letting them know where you are and what you have got but take care and land your goods under the care of a Committee as soon as you can for fear of being followed by the Tenders. In going out you had better take a brisk gale of wind, or get out of nights as Tenders commonly keep a strict watch at the capes in the day time, but hope you will behave with care and industry on this Voyage. If you are chased and find you must be taken throw all your papers overboard, with weights to sink them.

[Council to Harrison.] C. S. C. No. 1.

To Mr Richard Harrison (Martinico) 19th January 1776

Sir. p Brigantine Sam

You have inclosed an Invoice and Bill of Lading of thirteen hundred and eighty six Barrels of Flour in the Brig Sam Robert Forsyth Master with ninety one Barrels of Bread also 4000 staves on account of the Province which you will dispose of in the best Manner according to your general Instructions and the Letters heretofore sent you. We have only engaged this Vessel to deliver her Cargo to you, as soon therefore as she is unloaded if you should have no further Use for her you may discharge her. We shall be glad to hear of her safe arrival and likewise to have Intelligence from you of your transactions by every good opportunity.

Saturday 20th January 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Registers of the Commissary's and Land Offices and Clerks of the Provincial Court and of Ann Arundel County immediately furnish the Council of Safety with Lists of the Record Books in their respective Offices, and prepare for the Removal of the Records and Papers in the said Offices to such place as shall be directed by the said Council.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Resolves of the late Convention relative to the Removal of the said Records and papers be immediately furnished to each of the said Registers and Clerks.

Ordered That Mr Stephen West deliver to John Youst or Order the Quantity of ten Pounds weight of Gunpowder (out of that purchased by the Convention from him) to prove the Musquets made by the said Youst for the use of this Province.

Messrs Richard Thompson and Thomas Richardson were appointed to prove the said Musquets.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captain John Gunby or his Order two hundred Pounds for Subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt. John Day Scott or his Order sixty pounds common money for the Purposes mentioned in the above Order.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captain James Hindman two hundred pounds for the like Purpose.

Mr Rumsey has Leave of Absence.

Commission issued to Patrick Sim Esqr appointed Captain of the second Company of the Battalion of regular Forces, in the Room of Capt. William Hyde who resigned.

Ordered, That he rank as youngest Captain of the said Battalion.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning half after 9 O'Clock

Original.

[Youst to Council.]

George Town 17th Jany 1776.

Gentlemen. Having applied to The Committee of observation for a sufficient quantity of Powder for proving the guns, which I have engaged to furnish The Council of Safety, which I have refused without your approbation should be glad you would please to nominate a man in Town to see the Guns proved as it is inconvenient to me, at present to leave the Business. Mr Deakins has left town, which prevent his writing, to you according to agreement, I hope gentlemen you[l] Please to let me know what I am to expect as the guns cannot be delivered or finished otherwise than by your granting a Licence for Powder.

I am gentlemen your very humble Servt
John Youste.

Original.

[J. Murray to Council.]

Gent:

The Bearer hereof Mr James Campbell, (who acted as a Capt of our Militia) had the Honour, on application of being appointed a Lieut. of the Light Infantry Company at our last Convention. I am to beg Leave to introduce this Gentleman to you, as particularly worthy your notice

I think upon Conversation with him he may afford some very useful Hints in those Branches that we, at this Time stand so much in need of, I mean Gunnery & Fortification.

Have known him for several years in Character of Capt of a Ship, the Seafaring Life having been his calling from his Infancy: and think, to do him Justice in that Scene or any other that he engages in, he will merit Esteem. I believe he brings with him a Plan of a Floating Battery, his own Invention, which may very probably afford matter for Improvement, should the Original fail. If you attempt Fortification and are not already supplyed with an abler Hand, believe you'll find him very cleaver in drawing & taking Charts of yr Harbours & Bay and pointing out the fittest Place to erect Fortifications on. With due Regard I remain—

Gent: Your hum Servt
James Murray

Cambridge 20th Janry 1776.

Sunday 21st January 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as yesterday except Mr Rumsey.

Resolved, That Messrs Lancelot Jacques, Charles Wallace, William Hyde, Allen Quynn, James Brice, William Whetcroft and Beriah Maybury, or any three of them, be requested to make a Chart of the Land and Water at the mouth of this River, specifying the Width and Depth of the Channel between Horn point and Greenbury's Point, and some Distance without and within the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock, and met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Patrick Sim One hundred and twenty Pounds for subsist and advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Resolves of the late Convention relating to the Emission of Bills of Credit be inclosed in a Letter (No. 2) to the Deputies [of this Province] in Congress.

Council adjourns till tomorrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] C. S. C. No. 2.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gentn Jany. 20

By a Resolution of the Convention the City of Annapolis and the Town of Baltimore are to be fortified if it be practicable; as we are much at a Loss for Cannon and as we hear they have more at New York and Philadelphia than they have Occasion for, we imagine they may be willing to spare some of them. We must therefore request you will be pleased to enquire of the Gentlemen of those Provinces in Congress, or of the Committee of Philadelphia, whether it will be agreable to them to lend us any of them and acquaint us with their Answer. We shall want about thirty or forty eighteen Pounders. If we are favoured with the Loan of them they shall be returned, or paid for, if lost or damaged, as there will be great danger in attempting to get them round by water if we borrow them from the Province of New York we judge it may be best to get them down by Land to Delaware Bay from thence over short carrying Places, they may be got into our Bay.

Any Money that may be necessary to defray the expense of getting them down shall be sent you or lodged where you think proper.

We inclose you a copy of the Resolutions of the Convention for emitting Bills of Credit, as several clauses require particular duties to be performed by yourselves.

January 20th 1776

Original. [E. Gaither to Council.]

Gent[n] Elk Ridge 21 Jany. 1776

Whereas the Hon. the Convention has thought Proper to appoint me a field Officer to the Elk Ridge Batalion, I therefore apprehend the Nomination of the Capt. is with the Hon. the Council of Safety; I am requested by my Company to beg leave to recommend Mr. Elisha Riggs, their Capt. if it should be thought Necessary to appoint one;—he is the first Lief[t] of the Company. I can assure you Gent[l] he is much the Properest Person in my Opinion, and from the begining of our unhappy disputes discovered a disposition which does Honour to him as an American. They also beg leave to recommend M[r] John Marriott, their first Lief[t], Mr. Joseph Walker Jun[r] their Second Lief[t], and Mr. Aquilla [Ra]ndall Jun[r] their Ensign—these Gentl. are officers Company.

I am, Gentl. y[r] mo ob[d] Hble. Serv[t]
Edw[d] Gaither Jun[r]

Original. [Stricker to Council.]

Frederick Town 21 Jan[y] 1776.

Gentlemen. I am informed that my Company of light Infantry are to arm[d] with Rifles shall therefore esteem your giving directions to some person to contract for the same they being to be had here, the Gunsmiths have offered to furnish the Company with the same in a few weeks, nothing retards me now but the want of arms and recruiting cash I have recruited 21 select men in two days and make no doubt of compleating my Company in ten more. please to send by the Bearer M[r] Benj[n] Ford or any one of my Lieutenants the recruiting cash, imagine shall want about £250.

I am with respect Gent[n] your most ob[t] H[l] Ser[t]
George Stricker

N. B. If a person is directed to contract for rifles it will be necessary also to contract for Bullet pouches and powder horns.

Sir. None of the Council of Safety being in Town & understanding this Ltr. came from Capt. Stricker reques[g] a sum of money by Mr. B. Foard for enlisting his Men, have taken the Liberty to open it & must request you to give M[r] Benjamin Foard an Order on the Treasurer for one Hundred & Twenty pounds for this Purpose. I am Sir, y[r] Hbl. Ser[t]

24 Jany 1776 W. Smallwood

To Mr. Gabriel Duval, Clerk of the Council of Safety

Monday 22d January 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith two hundred pounds common money for subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Bennett Bracco two hundred pounds common money for subsist and advance money for Captain Rezin Beall's Company.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Samuel Smith One hundred and twenty pounds for subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Commissions issued to Thomas Tillard Esqr first Major, and to Joseph Galloway Esqr second Major of the South River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County; and to Mr Pollard Edmondson junr appointed third Lieutenant of the fourth independent Company of regular Forces, in the Room of Mr William Goldsborough who resigned.

The following Agreement was made with Captain John Pitt.

Whereas the Honorable the late Convention of the Province of Maryland Resolved, that two pilot Boats be immediately employed and stationed to gain and [communicate notice] of any Attempt that might be made by the men of war to come into this Province, I do hereby agree with the Honorable Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Charles Carroll (Barrister) John Hall & James Tilghman Esqrs (of the Council of Safety for this Province) to furnish one Pilot Boat for the above purpose at the Rate of twenty five Shillings per Day, and immediately to sail with my said Boat for the purpose of gaining Intelligence agreeable to said Resolution; and that I will from Time to Time use my best Endeavours to gain such Intelligence and as Occasion may require, communicate the same to the Council of Safety.

Jn° Pitt.

Instructions were given accordingly to Captain Pitt.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock, and met according to Adjournment.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be published in the Maryland Gazette.

All Merchants and other Persons who are desirous of undertaking to import and furnish this Province with a Quantity of Salt sufficient for the use of the Inhabitants thereof may be acquainted with the Terms offered by the Continental Congress under which they may do the same, by attending the Council of Safety on the fifth Day of February next at the City of Annapolis.

C. S. J. Mr J. Middleton agreed to furnish a Boat for the like purposes and on the same Terms as Captain Pitt and received his Instructions accordingly.

Ordered, That Captain William Hyde furnish the Council of Safety with an Account of the Province Arms & Accoutrements delivered him last Spring, of the Condition of the same, and in whose Hands they are; and that he do not permit the same or any of them to be removed or carried from the City of Annapolis.

A Copy of the Letter (No. 3) relative to placing Obstructions in the Channel of this River was sent to Mr Stephen Steward, and a Copy of the Letter (N° 4) to Mr William Roberts.

Council adjourns till tomorrow morning ½ after 9 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 3. [Council to Steward.]

To Mr Stephen Steward, West River

Sir. 22d Jany. 1776

The Council of Safety are informed that you have been at Philadelphia, and are acquainted with the Method the Committee have taken there to prevent the Approach of Men of War and armed Vessels to that City. As the Convention have resolved that the sum of five thousand nine hundred pounds be appropriated to fortify Annapolis and place Obstructions in the Channel of the River, the Council would be glad to see you and take your Opinion on any Plans or Designs that may be thought necessary for carrying the Resolution of the Convention into Execution. Mr Wallace has been so kind as to lay before us your letter of the 20th Inst on which we shall be glad to confer with you.

C. S. C. No. 4. [Council to Roberts.]

To William Roberts Esq. Mayor of the City of Annapolis.

Sir. 22d Jany. 1776

☞A company of Artillery or Matrosses was ordered to be raised particularly for the City of Annapolis—this is a matter of Consequence to all the Inhabitants, we therefore choose to consult the Corporation with regard to the Officers, and should be obliged to you to call a Corporation some day this Week, or the next at furthest and let us know who that respectable Body would recommend to us as proper persons for Captain and three Lieutenants.

[Steward to Wallace.] Original.

Dr Charles. Saturday the 20 of January

I have long been thinking of a mashen of sum sort to save your town I think I have now fell on one that shall with stand against any ship in the navey that they can trust before your town the mashen must float and carey 20 18 pounders it must be about 108 feet long 32 feet or less broad 5½ feet deep the sides and ends to be glasaded so that the men shall fight under cover and the sides and ends canon profe, this mashen I think may be completed in two months at the expense of 2500£ or less the friendship I have from yourself & Tome Hide and Tome Herwood has partly emploid my mind this six weeks past. If the commetey of safety thinks well of this mater there is no time to be lost and you must come down to me to morrow morning as I cant wait neather on you nor the comitey in all next week, if this mashen or floating batrey can be got redey in time I think it will save your town from any thing that can be dun to it by sea. Every man of you must atend to this matter as one hundred men may be emploed.

I am Charles with sencer
Respect yours S. Steward

You must get John Saverson to rede this for I Cant. this mashen may allways keep a Propeatill fier on the enemy as there must be two canon in each end and 8 on each side she may carey 52 swivels on her sides and ends to prevent her being boarded. My friend I think ill used both Congress and convention the congress gave them ships to build to men that nose nothing of the business Jack Steward you no has been used ill by convention but still I am ready to serve my country in every degree that lys in my power.

If any opportunity send Tome Johnson a copy of this to day as he desired I would think of this sort to save the town.

To Charles Wallace.

Tuesday 23d Janry 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That one Barrell of Gunpowder and 400 pounds Weight of Lead be sent by the Committee of Observation for Kent County under the Care of a commissioned Officer of Militia to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County or to such Person or Persons in the same County as they shall order and direct.

Ordered, That one Barrel of Gunpowder and 400 pounds weight of Lead be sent in the same Manner to the Committee

C. S. J. of Observation for Talbot County, and half a Barrel of Gunpowder and 200 pounds Weight of Lead to the Committee of Observation for Caroline County.

Commission issued to William Tillard Esq[r] Quarter Master of the Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County commanded by Col. John Weems.

Ordered that the Committee of Observation for Charles County send 2½ Barrels of powder 1000 pounds Weight of Lead under the Care of a commissioned Officer of Militia to the Committee of Observation for St. Mary's County, half a Barrel of said powder for Cap[t] John Allen Thomas's Company of regular Troops and the Residue for the two Battalions of Militia in that County.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for Charles County send under the Care of a commissioned Officer of Militia, One Barrel of Gunpowder and 400 pounds Weight of Lead to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County, one half of said powder and Lead for Capt. Rezin Beall's independent Company of regular Forces.

Ordered, That 80 Copies of the Articles of War be immediately printed.

M[r] John Brice produced and delivered to the Council a List of the Record Books of Ann Arundel County Court which was ordered to be entered, and is as follows.

Especial Court Records.

Libers I. H N° 1
I H N° 2
I H N° 3
W H N° 4
I T N° 5

Land Records.

Liber to T	from 1699	to 1702
to T	1702	1708
P. K	1708/9	1712
I B N	1712	1718/9
C W N° 1	1719	1722
B. C W N° 2	from 1722	to 1724
S Y N° 1	1724	to 1728
B D N° 1	1728	to 1729
I T N° 1	1729	to 1730
I H N° 1	1730	to 1733
B D N° 2	1733	1737
B D N° 3	1738	1739
R B N° 1	1740	1744
R B N° 2	1744	1747

C. S.

R B N° 3.....	1747	1754
B. B N° 1.....	1754	1757
B B N° 2.....	1757	1763
[B. B. N° 3.....	1763	1768]
I B N° 1.....	1768 to	1770
I B N° 2.....	1770 to	1771
I B N° 3.....	1771	1773
I B N° 4.....	1773	1774
I B N° 5.....	1774	1776

Liber A. Commission Book to resurvey Land with Depositions.

I B N° 1. Land Commissions from 1724 to 1766

E B.....1766 to — now in use

Judgment Books.

G.....	from 1703 to	1704	I S B N° 1	from 1748 to	1750
I B.....	1704	1708	2	1751	1754
B.....	1708	1712	3	1754	1756
B.....	1712	1714	4	1756	1760
R C.....	1717	1719	I M B. 1	1760	1763
R C.....	1719	1720	W T.	1763	1764
N H.....	1720	1721	I M B 2		1764
R C		1722	I M B 1	1765	1767
R.....		1723	I M B 2	1767	1769
I B.....	1734	1736	E B	1770	1771
I B N° 2	1736	1738			
Two more in		1738	I B	1771	1772
I B N° 3	1740	1742	D G 1	1772	1773
4	1743	1744	G G 2		1773
5	1744	1745	14 Statutes.		
6	1745	1747			

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A copy of the Letter (N° 5) concerning the public Records was sent to Messrs Joseph Sim & Thomas Contee of Prince George's County.

Adj^{d} till 3 o'Clock and met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Copy of the Letter (N° 6) was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Benjamin Ford One hundred and twenty eight Pounds for Subsist and Advance Money for Capt George Stricker's Company of Light Infantry.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Ford One hundred pounds Currency for Subsist and Advance Money for Capt. Lemuel Barrett's Independent Company of regular Forces.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Henry Barnes One hundred and twenty Pounds Currency for Subsist and Advance Money for Capt. John Stone's Recruits.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Benjamin Ford sixty Pounds Currency to be lodged with Mr Thomas Johnson at Frederick Town or in his Absence, to be left with Messrs Charles Beatty and Baker Johnson, to be by them laid out in the purchase of Gunlocks.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Benjamin Ford One hundred Pounds Currency to be lodged with Messrs Charles Beatty & Baker Johnson to enable them to advance for Rifles for the use of Capt George Stricker's Company of Light Infantry.

Council adjourns till Monday next to meet at Baltimore Town.

C. S. C. No. 5. [Council to Commee of Prince George's Co.]

To the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County.

23 January 1776.

Gentn

The late Convention having resolved that the Records should be removed from the City of Annapolis and directed the Council of Safety to provide a fit and proper place for them, and we having determined they should be carried to Upper Marlborough, if a safe and convenient Place can be procured for them there, request you will examine into the State & Condition of the Court House of your County in which, if it will answer, we had rather the Records should be lodged; but if it will not, of any of the vacant Houses in the Town and provide one which you may apprehend best adapted to the purpose upon such reasonable Rent as you may agree for.

No. 6. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

23rd Janry 1776

Gentn

Mr Maynard who will deliver this to you is going with Letters to New York from the Governor to Mr Foxcroft. The package covers three other letters which are intended to go by the Packett, two of them to William Eden Esq. which the Governor on his Honour assures us contain nothing unfriendly to America, the other to Lord Dartmouth, which we have seen, inclosing Copies of the Instructions of the Convention to their Deputies in Congress and also of the Declaration, with his

Assurances to the Ministry that he believes they contain the real Sentiments of the People of this Province. The Governor has taken this measure in Consequence of a free Conversation with Messrs Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone and James Hollyday and ourselves on the Subject. The Step cannot be productive of an ill effect; it may be of the greatest Service; it may possibly bring about some Overture to a general Reconciliation. He has promised you shall have the Perusal of what he has wrote, when you come to Maryland. We intimate this to you to prevent the Letter being stopt on Suspicion of its containing any information or intelligence unfriendly to America. We do not doubt but you will think with us that the sooner it reaches England the better in the present critical Situation of our Affairs, and that you will give Maynard the proper passports to New York.

P. S. There are some few other Letters,
which from the Governor's
Information we believe are from Col^o^ Sim
& others to Thos Eden & Co on private
Business

[Murdock to Council.] Original.

January 23^d^ 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have been honoured by the Convention, with the enclos'd Commission which I now return to you, with a Prayer to be excused from accepting of it. The precarious and declining state of my Health renders me incapable of executing the office, either with Benefit to my country, or reputation to myself, and therefore, I think it my duty to refuse it.

I am Gentlemen with the greatest Respect.
Y^r^ most ob^t^ Hble Servant,
Addison Murdock.

[Robson to Council.] Original.

Cambridge January 26th 1776

Gentlemen.

I observe by a Resolve of the late Convention, that the minute company of Dorchester County, which I have the Honour to command, is ordered to march down into Virginia. And as the Gentlemen who was my First Lieutenant has thought proper to resign his Commission, I have herewith inclosed it to you. Least you should be unacquainted with a Person suitable to fill that Station, have in some measure thought it my duty to inform, that with your approbation could

wish it supplied by the appointment of him who now acts as my second Lieutenant (Mr Moses Lecompte Jun) And if y^r^ Honours have not in view a person more worthy to act as second Lieu^t^ take the liberty of naming Mr Matthias Traverse, if you approve of him.

I am Gentlemen with due Respect
Y^r^ obed^t^ hum Ser^t^
Joseph Robson.

P. S. As I cant possibly march until the officers are complete, I hope the messenger will be dispatched as quick as possible.

c. s. c. [Committee of Safety of Virginia to Council.]

In Committee of Safety Virg^a^ Jan. 27. 1776.

Gent^n^ As we are so closely connected by inclination as well as interest and our situation strongly points out the propriety of attending to the operations which may be necessary for our mutual defence. We are desirous of establishing & keeping up a constant intimate correspondence with you. We think it proper to inform you that we have resolved to build for the protection of Potomac River two row gallies one of them to carry one 24 pounder, the other a twelve pounder & both swivels, also three vessels carrying one of them four six pounders & some four pounders the other two vessels four pounders & swivels, we do not conceive this adequate to the importance of that great river, but as we have three other rivers to which we must extend the like care, and as your province is equally interested in the Safety of Potomac river we could not doubt but it would be the wish of your body to participate in its protection. Our determination on this head is yet subject to alteration and we shall chearfully consult & advise with you on this or any other subject conducive to the Interest of both & to our mutual defence.

We are with great respect

Y^r^ m^o^ H. Sv^t^	John Page V. P.
John Tabb.	Dudley Digges.
Thos Walker	P. Carrington, J^s^ Mercer.

[Smallwood to Council.]

Annapolis 27 January 1776

Gentlemen.

I observe the Gentlemen of the convention have allowed the soldiers as a uniform hunting shirts, but no spatter dashes which renders the regimentals incompleat, this they certainly

have not adverted to, otherways am persuaded they must have seen the impropriety of allowing one & not the other, for you must be sensible that clean spatterdashes as well as hunting shirts must cover a multitude of blemishes in the dress & appearance of the regiment, which I would most earnestly wish to appear as respectable, & to become as formidable as might be, under our present disadvantageous situation respecting military matters; this therefore I hope you'll take under consideration, flatter myself as the expence will be trifling, you will be induced to purchase as much oznab^{gs} or whats much better (if to be had) Russia sheeting as will answer this purpose. I know the Public business is very pressing & that you will be much engaged, yet I must entreat you to purchase what cloths are to be had in Baltimore suitable for soldiers cloathing (also sail duck for Tents) the men inlisted must be very bare, as the Capt^{s} are continually pressing me to know how they are to be furnished with cloaths, urging that they cannot march them to their station till clad. Intrenching tools &c imagine may be made here at any time, I think you must judge it essentially necessary to request Mr Johnson or some other of our Congress members, to write Genl Washington to send us a good adjutant or two, for the use of the Province in general, who as an incouragem^{t} might be allowed more than the common wages. I am with much defference Gent^{n} Y^{r} very obed^{t} Hb^{le} Ser^{t} W. Smallwood. C. S. C.

[R. Hooe to Council.] Original

To the Honble. the Council of Safety for the
Province of Maryland.

I beg leave to recommend Capt William Campbell and Captain Belam Posey, two Gentlemen at the head of Militia Companys in Charles County who have behaved themselves in the cause of Liberty so as to gain the good wishes of their County—and to any places that may happen to be vacant in the regular Battallion or Regular Independant Companies, they being desireous of serving their Country in either, I do very earnestly offer them to the Attention of the Honble Councill.

Jany. 27 1776 R. Hooe

Baltimore Town Monday 29 January 1776. C. S. J

Council met. Present the same Members as on Tuesday last.

Mr George Ranken transmits to the Council the following List of the Record Books in the Secretary's Office: which was ordered to be entered.

C S. J.

List of Record Books in the Secretary's Office.

Liber	No	Contents	Year	pages.
S.}		}Judgments, Deeds & other Matters}	1658 to 1662}	1192
B. B}		} D° D°	}1662 to 1665}	547
F. F.		D° D°	1665 to 1669	798
I I		D° D°	1669 to 1672	492
M M		D° D°	1672 to 1675	639
N N		Judgments and Recoveries	1675 to 1679	904
W C		D°	1679 to 1684	911
D S	A	D°	1684 to 1686	621
D S		D°	1692 to 1693	412
T I	1	D°	1694 to 1696	824
W T	2	D°	1699 to 1701	827
W T	4	D°	1702	338
T L	3	D°	1703 to 1705	686
T B		D°	1705 to 1706	413
P. L	2	D°	1707 to 1709	717
P. L	3	D°	1709 to 1710	541
T P	2	D°	1711 to 1712	644
I O	1	D°	1712 to 1713	543
V D	1	D°	1713 to 1716	742
	2	D°	1716 to 1717	457
	3	D°	1717 to 1718	421
P. L	4	D°	1718 to 1719	411
W G	1	D°	1719 to 1722	849
P. L	7	D°	1722 to 1724	570
W G	2	D°	1724 to 1726	558
R B	1	D°	1727 to 1728	555
	2	D°	1729 to 1730	598
	3	D°	1731 to 1732	252
W G	3	D°	1732 to 1733	305
E I	1	D°	1734 to 1735	449
	2	D°	1735 to 1737	509
	4	D°	1737 to 1738	471
	5	D°	1738 to 1739	428
	6	D°	1739 to 1741	674
	7	D°	1742 to 1744	755
	9	D°	1744 to 1745	545
	10	D°	1745 to 1748	1070
	11	D°	1748 to 1749	691
	13	D°	1750 to 1751	900
	14	D°	1751 to 1753	892
	15	D°	1753 to 1754	733
G I	1	D°	1755	723
B. T.	1	D°	1756	563
	2	D°	1757	415
	3	D°	1757 to 1759	1136
	5	D°	1759 to 1760	901
D D	1	D°	1760 to 1761	701
	2	D°	1761 to 1762	551
	3	D°	1762 to 1763	535
	4	D°	1763	530
	5	D°	part of 1762, 63 & 64	533
	6	D°	1764	537
	7	D°	1764 & 1765	556
	8	D°	1765	560
	9	D°	1765	720

	10	D°		1765 & 1766	591 C. S. J.
	11	D°		1766	607
	12	D°	part of May not complete	1767	
	13	D°	d°	1768	
		D°	April Term	1775	
B T	1	D°	part of	1756	186
T G		Criminal proceedings & Ejectments		1682 & 1702	168
I L		Judgments & Writs		1698 & 1688	204
W R C		Land Records		1676 to 1699	875
T L	2	D°		1699 to 1707	1070
P L	3	D°		1707 to 1709	173
T P		D°		1709 to 1719	532
P L	5	D°		1719 to 1723	546
	6	D°		1724 to 1731	528
	8	D°		1731 to 1737	567
E I	3	D°		1737 to 1744	536
	8	D°		1744 to 1749	624
	12	D°		1749 to 1756	710
B T	1	D°		1756 to 1759	438
	4	D°		1759 to 1762	411
D D	2	D°		1762 to 1763	416
	3	D°		1763 to 1765	710
	4	D°		1765 to 1770	737
	5	D°		1770 to 1774	741
	6	D°		1774 to 1775	
C & W H.		Laws		1640 to 1674	666
W H		D°		167– to 1688	313
W H & L	1	D°		1640 to 1692	146
L L	1	D°		1692	249
	2 }	D°		} 1692 to 1710	411
	3 }	D°		}	
L	4	Laws		1711 to 1723	618
	5	D°		1724 to 1731	412
B L C.		D°		1731 to 1752	570
H T		D°		1753 to 1768	728
R E.		D°		1769 to 1774	

Nine Books containing defaced proceedings of provincial Court.

Commission Book

A true List taken by
Geo Ranken Clk.

Mr Vallette transmits to the Council a List of the Record Books in the Prerogative Office, which was ordered to be entered, and is as follows.

A List of Record Books now being in and belonging to the Prerogative Office of the Province of Maryland this 22d Day of January 1776.

Titles	Dates	Contents
N° 2. P. C.	1657	
3	1658 & 9 }	Testamentary Proceedings with
4 A C	1660 & 2	Wills, Inventories & Accounts
5	1662 & 3 }	transcribed in one Book.
6	1664–5	
7	1665–6 }	
8	1668	Same
9	1668 & 9	same
N° 6	1670 to 73	same.

C. S. J.	N° 10 S S 12	1670	All testamentary Proceedings
	13	1675	D° & Wills transcribed
	14	1675	proceedings only
	15	1677	Inventory and Accounts.
	N° 16	1678	proceedings.
	17	1679	D°
	18 and 20	1680 & 82	D°
	21	1682 to 87	D°
	22 & IC	1687 to 92	D°
	P. C N° C	1673 to 75	Wills Inventories & Accounts transcribed
	N° 23 & 23 K C	1692 to 94	Testamentary Proceedings.
	24 K C.	1695 to 97	D°
	25 K C.	1697 to 99	D°
	26	1699 to 1701	D°
	10 W	1701 to 1707	D°
	B D	1703	D°
	5 I C	1708 to 11	D°
	8 W B.	1711 to 15	D°
	9 W B	1715 to 19	D°
	1 T B	1719 to 21	D°
	9 T B	1721	D°
	4 A D	1722–3	D°
	5. G P	1724–27	D°
	6. G P.	1727 to 30	D°
	7 I G	1730 to 34	D°
	8 I G.	1734 to 38	D°
	W R 1	1739 to 46	D°
	W R 2	1746 to 49	D°
	R D. 2	1750 & 51	D°
	R D. 3	1751 & 52	D°
	R D. 1	1749 & 50	in one Book. D°
	M M 1.	1752 & 53	in one Book. D°
	M M 2.	1753 to 58	Testamentary proceedings.
	M M 3.	1758 to 60	D°
	I D 1	1761	D°
	I D 2.	1762 & 3	D°
	G M 1	1764	D°
	E N 1	1765	D°
	E N 2	1766 & 7	D°
	E N 3	1768 to 70	D°
	E N 4	1771	D°
	E N 5	1773	D°
	E N 6.	1774 & 5	D°

General Alphabet for Wills.

Will Books.

N° 1	1635 to 74	Wills
N° 2	1674 to 1704	Wills
N° A	1676 to 77	D° transcribed in
N° A. b. c.	1670 to 79	D° N° 1
N° 20. D	1680	Wills in one Book transcribed in N° 2.
E	1681	
F.	1682	
I K C.	1693 & 4	
G.	1682 & 8	Wills
N° H & L C.	1688 to 1700	D°
K	1695 to 98	D°
T B.	1701–2 & 3	D°
T B.	same book transcribed	

T B	N° 2	1704 to 6	Wills, Inventories & Accounts C. S. J.
I C & W B	N° 2	1706 to 9	Wills only
W B	5	1710 to 14	D°
W B	6	1714 to 18	Wills only
T B	1	1718 to 19	D°
T B	5	1720 to 21	D°
A & D	N° 2	1721 to 22	D°
W B.	1	1723 to 26	D°
C C	2	1726 to 30	D°
C C	3	1730 to 34	D°
T & D		1734 to 33	D°
D D	N° 1	1738 to 42	D°
D D	N° 2	1742 to 44	D°
D D	3	1744 to 46	D°
D D	4	1746 to 48	D°
D D	6	1749 to 51	D°
D D	5 & 7	1748 & 51 & 54	D°
B T.	1	1754 to 56	D°
B T.	2	1756	D°
D D	1	1760 to 1764	D°
S B	1	1764	D°
C G	1	1764 & 65	D°
C G	2	1766	D°
C G.	3	1767	D°
W D.	1.	1768	D°
W D.	2	1769	D°
W D.	3	1770 to 72	D°
W D.	4	1773 to 75	D°
W F.	1	1775 to	D°

Inventories.

N°	I	1674 & 1703	Inventories and Accounts.
	II	1676	D°
	III	1677	D°
	IV	1677	D°
	V	1678	D°
	VI	1679	D°
	VII	1680	D° }
	VIII	1681	D° } in one Book.
	IX	1682	D° }
	X	1682 to 86.	D°
	XI	1686 to 88	D°
	XII	1688 to 89	}
		L C. 1692	} D° in one Book.
H B	N° C.	1690 & 1700	Invent^{y} Acc^{ts} & pro^{gs} of all sorts.
K C	N° 13.	1693 & 94	Inventories & Accounts.
K C.	N° 14.	1694 & 95	}
K C.	N° 15	1695 & 96	} D° in one Book.
	N° 16	1696 & 97	D°
	N° 17	1697	Inventories and accounts.
K C	N° 18	1698	D°
	19.	1698	D°
	20	1698	D°
	21	1699	D°
	N° 57.	1699 & 1700	D°
W T		1700 & 1701	D°
T		1701 & 1702	D°

C. S. J.	W T.	1702 & 1703	D°
	W T N° 1	1703	D°
	W T N° 2	1703 & 4	D°
	B C. 3	1705 & 6	D°
	I C N° 2	1706	Inventories and accounts.
	I C 3	1707	D°
	I C. 4	1708	D°
	W B. 1	1708 & 9	D°
	W B. 3	1709 & 10	D°
	W B. 4	1709 & 10	D°
	W B. 6. 7. 8. 9.	1710 & 11	D° in one Book.
	W B 10 & 11,	1711 & 12	D° in one Book.
	W B. 12	1713	D°
	W B 13 & 14	1713 & 14	D° in one Book
	W B. 15. 16. 17	1714 & 15	D° one Book
	W B. 19. 20	1716 & 17	D° one Book
	W B. 18. 21. 22	1716 & 17	D° one Book
	W B. 23. 24. 25	1717 & 18	D° one Book
	T B N° 1	1718	Inventories only.
	T B. 3	1719	D°
	T B. 4	1719 & 20	D°
	T B. 7	1720	D°
	T B. 8	1721	D°
	W H. 1	1721	D°
	A D. 3	1722	D°
	W B. 3	1723	D°
	B H. A D. N° 5	1724	D°
	B H A D. N° 4	1723 & 24	D°
	B H A D. N° 6	1725 to 27	D°
	C C N° 7	1727	D°
	E H C N° 10	1729 & 30.	D°
	E H C. 9	1729	D°
	E H C. 8	1728 & 29	D°
	C C N° 11	1730 to 32.	D°
	C C N° 12	1732 to 34.	D°
	T. D.	1734	Inventories.
	T D. N° 2	1734	D°
	D D. N° 1	1734 & 35	D°
	D D. 2	1735 & 36	D°
	D D 3	1736 & 37	D°
	D D. 4	1737 & 38	D°
	D D. 5	1739	D°
	D D. 6	1740 & 41	D°
	D D. 7	1741 & 42	D°
	D D. 8	1742 & 43	D°
	D D. 9	1743 & 44	D°
	D D. 10	1744.	D°
	D D. 11	1744 & 45	D°
	D D. 12	1745	D°
	D D. 13	1745 & 46	D°
	D D. 14.	1746	D°
	D D. 15	1746 & 47	D°
	D D. 16.	1747 & 48	D°
	D D. 17	1748	D°
	D D. 18	1748 & 49	D°
	D D 19	1749	D°
	D D. 20	1749	D°
	D D. 21	1749	D°

D D.	22	1749 & 50	D°	C. S. J.
D D.	23	1750 —	D°	
D D.	24	1750 —	D°	
D D.	25	1750	D°	
D D.	26	1751	D°	
D D.	27	1751	D°	
D D.	28	1751	D°	
D D.	29	1751 & 2	D°	
D D.	30	1752	D°	
D D.	31	1752	D°	
D D.	32	1752	D°	
D D.	33	1752 & 3	D°	
D D.	34.	1753 —	D°	
D D.	35	1753	D°	
D D.	36	1753	D°	
D D.	37	1753	D°	
B T.	N° 1	1754	D°	
B T.	N° 2	1754 & 5	D°	
B T. & D D.	1	1755	D°	
B T & D. D.	2	1756	D°	
B T.	1	1756	D°	
B T.	2	1757	D°	
B T.	3	1757	D°	
B T.	4	1758	D°	
B T.	5	1758 & 59	D°	
D D.	N° 1	1759.	D°	
D D.	2	1759	D°	
D D.	3	1759	D°	
D D.	4	1759 & 60.	D°	
D D.	A.	1761	D°	
D D.	B.	1761	D°	
D D.	C.	1761	D°	
D D.	D.	1761	D°	
J R.	1	1761	D°	
J R.	2	1761	D°	
J R.	3	1761	D°	
S B.	1	1762	D°	
S B.	2	1762	D°	
S B.	3	1763	D°	
S B.	4	1763	D°	
S B.	5	1763	D°	
S B.	6	1764	D°	
S B.	7	1764	D°	
S B	8	1764	D°	
S B.	9	1764	D°	
C G.	1	1764 & 5	D°	
C G.	2	1765	D°	
C G.	3	1765	D°	
C G.	4	1766	D°	
C G.	5	1766	D°	
C G.	6	1767	D°	
C G.	7	1767	D°	
W D.	1	1767	D°	
W D.	2	1767	D°	
W D.	3	1767 & 68	D°	
W D.	4	1768	D°	
W D.	5	1768	D°	
W D.	6	1768	D°	

C. S J. W D.	7.	1769	D°
W D.	8	1769	D°
W D.	9	1769	D°
W D.	10	1769	D°
W D.	11	1770	D°
W D.	12	1770	D°
W D.	13	1770	D°
W D.	14.	1770	D°
W D.	15	1771	D°
W D.	16	1771	D°
W D.	17	1772	D°
W D.	18	1773	D°
W D.	19	1773	D°
W D.	20	1773	D°
W F.	N° 1	1773	D°
W F.	2	1774	D°
W F.	3	1774	D°
W F.	4	1774	D°
W F.	5	1774	D°
W F.	6	1774	D°
W F.	7	1775	D°
W F.	8	1775	D°
W F.	9	1775	D°
W F.	10	1775	D°
W F.	11	1775	D°

Accounts.

T. B	N° 2	1718	Accounts.
T B.	4	1719	D°
T B.	6	1720 & 21	D°
A D.	1	1721 to 23	D°
W B.	2	1723 to 24	D°
B H. A. D.	3	1724 & 25	D°
B H A.	4	1725 & 26	D°
B H A.	5	1726 & 27	D°
E. H. C.	6	1728 & 29	D°
E H. C.	7	1729 to 31	D°
C C.	8	1731 to 33	D°
C. C.	9	1733 & 34	D°
D D.	1	1735	D°
D D.	2	1737 to 37	D°
D D.	3	1736 to 37	D°
D D.	4.	1737 to 38	D°
D D.	5	1739	D°
D D.	6	1740–42	D°
D D.	7	1742 to 43	D°
D D.	8	1743 to 44	D°
D D.	9.	1744 to 45	D°
D D.	10.	1745 to 46	D°
D D.	11	1746 to 47	D°
D D.	12	1747 to 48	D°
D D.	13.	1748	D°
D D.	14	1748 to 49	D°
D D.	15	1749 to 50	D°
D D.	16.	1750	D°
D D.	17	1750	D°
D D.	18	1751	D°

C. S. J.

D D.	19	1751	D°
D D.	20.	1751 & 2	D°
D D.	21	1752	D°
D D.	22	1753	D°
D D.	23	1753	D°
B T.	1	1754	D°
B T. & D D.	1	1755	D°
B T. & D D.	2	1756	D°
B T.	2	1756	D°
B T.	3	1756	D°
B T.	4	1757	D°
B T.	5	1758	D°
D D.	1	1759	D°
D D.	2	1759 & 60	D°
W D.	2½	1760	D°
D D.	A	1761	D°
J R	1	1761	D°
T B.	1 & 2	1762 & 3	D°
T B.	3	1763	D°
T B.	4	1764	D°
T B.	5	1764	D°
C G.	1	1764 & 65	D°
C G.	2	1765	D°
C G.	3	1765 & 66	D°
C G	4	1766	D°
C G.	5	1767	D°
W D.	1	1767	D°
W D.	2	1768	D°
W D.	3	1768	D°
W D.	4	1768	D°
W D.	5	1769	D°
W D.	6	1769	D°
W D.	7	1770	D°
W D.	8	1770	D°
W D.	9	1771	D°
W D.	10.	1771	D°
W D.	11	1772	D°
W D.	12.	1773	D°
W F.	1	1773	D°
W F.	2	1774	D°
W F.	3	1774	D°
W F.	4	1775	D°
W F.	5	1775	D°

Balance Books.

A Number of stitched Books, without Marks, containing Balances to the year 1750, then follows.

Liber R D	N° 1	1751 to 55
M. M.	1	1755 to 59
M. M.	2	1759 to 63
G. M.	1	1763 to 66
E. N.	1	1766 to 67
E. N.	2	1767 to 71
E. N.	3	1771 to 75.

C. S. J. The within contains all the Record Books of the Commissary's Offices.

The Original Papers belonging to the Office consist of Wills, Inventories and Accounts; from the year 1635 to the present Time.

All which is certified, agreeable to an Order from the Honourable the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland.

By Elie Vallette Reg Cur Pre.

The Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention was read.

The Council requested of Mr Samuel Purviance Chairman of the Committee of Observation in Baltimore Town that said Committee would furnish them with a Chart of the North East Branch of Patapsco River from Whetstone Point; also the Soundings a Depth of the Water between that Point and Gorsuch's Point also a plan of Fortification and Cheveaux de Frise or other Obstructions to be placed in the River together with an Estimate of the Expence.

The Council adjourns till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

C. S. C. [T. Johnson Jr. to Council.]

Fred. Town Jany 22d 1776.

Gent Stricker has accepted his commission & has had and I expect will have good success in inlisting he proposes to be very particular in the men he takes & much wishes his, the Light Infantry Company to be armed with Rifles both Mr Price & he think Rifles for a company may be soon got considering the difficulty of speedily arming our troops I think with them it will advisable to lodge a sum of money in the hands of some body here, no body will do more justice to the public than C. Beatty, to purchase up what Rifles can be got. My Brother this morning let Stricker have 100 of the 200 which he brought up for building the town Jail, to assist him in recruiting. Mr Ford will be a very proper hand to bring up what money you may think proper to send Stricker I imagine the 250£ he applies for is not too much as well as what you may think proper for Capt Barrett many of whose Company I expect will be very good Riflemen, if collected in his neighbourhood from where I think they may be best spared. Major Price tells me a good many public arms some of which have been repaired at the expence of those who have them may be collected with industry I should be glad youd send up an order for the committee to collect all they can and if you think as I do to allow the people the reasonable expence of necessary repairs where the musquets came to their hands out of order. I understand about 100 gunlocks fit for Rifles and that would do well

enough to put to repaired muskets are to be had in town I wish you[d] send up about 60£ to purchase them M[r] Beatty my Brother or myself will do it if you please. Price tells me he gained an acquaintance with one Royston at the Camp of the Artillary, who was a very clever young man & desires to come to the south and from Prices account of him he would be very serviceable in our second artillery Comp[y] & he would be well satisfied with a first Lieutenancy I wish if there's still room that he may be prefered to it, a trifling circumstance prevented his coming with Price and he even talked of following him. Maj[r] Price writes to him that troops are raising in this province & that it is likely he will be employed which he says he dare say will bring him with a strong recommendation from Gen[l] Gates to whom he is well known. C. S. C.

I am Gen[t] y[r] most ob[t] Th. Johnson Jun[r]

[Veazey & Thompson to Council.] Original.

Cecil County 29th January 1776

Gent[n]

The Bearer hereof Cap[t] Robert Craig an Inhabitant of this County, has now a Brigantine well fitted lying in Sassafras River and is very desirous of being employed by the Publick for the purpose of importing Arms and Ammunition. he is a person of property and by his Conduct appears to be well attached to the American Cause, from his long experience at Sea is well acquainted with foreign Ports, we therefore think him a proper person to be employed, and as such beg leave to recommend him to you. We are

Gentlemen, your most obedient Hum. S[ts]

John Veazey Jun[r]

Jn[o] D. Thompson.

Tuesday 30 January 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be published.

By the Council of Safety.

All persons who are desirous to contract for supplying the Troops raised in this Province with the Rations allowed by the late Convention are requested to attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on the 15th Day of February next and deliver in their Proposals which will be duly attended to.

A Ration as settled by the Convention to consist &c.

Ordered That 100 Hand Bills of the same be immediately printed.

C. S. J. Mr Purviance attended the Council and reported that according to the Requisition of yesterday the Committee had appointed Persons for the purposes therein mentioned.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

Mr William Lux was requested to purchase up for the use of the Troops in this Province, all the coarse Clothes in Baltimore Town; also Blankets, and plush for Breeches and make Report of the Quantity and price to the Council of Safety, with all convenient speed.

Mr Lux delivers to the Council the following Proposition.

The pilot Boat Chatham is bound for Statia with Money to purchase Goods to the Amount of £3000 more to the Consignment of Mr Thomas Russell who goes out in her. The Boat is valued at £300 and each Shipper is to pay in proportion to the Amount of his Property, in Case she is lost. Mr Russell will take One hundred Barrels light Flour on Account of the Province at 6/ per Barrel, and they to pay their proportion of the Value of the Vessel in Case of Loss.

Lux & Bowley.

Which was read & agreed to.

Instructions were accordingly given to Captain Thomas Russell.

Mr George Matthews, Cannon Founder in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore Town, being requested to attend the Council of Safety, and give what Information he could with Regard to casting of Cannon, and the Cannon now in that place, informed that there were two 12 pounders, six 9 pounders, six 6 pounders, eight 3 pounders and two Field pieces, 3 pounders, which in his Judgment and Opinion might be of some service, but not to be depended on till they were bored again. That they had been a long Time unused and were scaly within side of the Guns. That there were 7 or 8 of the Annapolis Guns left by Capt Stone, 4 pounders, all good except one which had lost a Trunnion, might be made serviceable by having Trunnions fixed on the Outside with an Iron Hoop.

Mr Matthews was also asked on what Terms he would contract for founding Cannon, thereupon expressed his Opinion that in his situation as a Factor, he could not incur the Expence necessary to be laid out in founding Cannon and boring the same, unless he had a moral Certainty that his Owners should be no Losers by undertaking the Business. That the Whee for boring Cannon and other Apparatus was expensive and work that would require some Time before it could be brough to perfection and that he did not think he could furnish 4

eighteen Pounders in less than four months from this Time. C. S. J.
That he was going to Philadelphia at the Request of Mr Alexander in Expectation of hearing Proposals from the Congress on the Subject of founding Cannon and should be better able to judge whether it would be worth while to undertake the Business and would expect to hear from us on his Return.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

[West to Council.]

Woodyard 30th January 1776. Original.

Honourable Gentlemen.

I think it my duty to acquaint you that I have received a letter from Capt Isaiah Robinson Lt of the Hornet Capt Stone dated off Annapolis desiring me to recommend him to your favour. I know him to be a very honest sensible faithful man, it will be seen how he behaves in his present station. He writes to me on another subject. I shall give you his words. "I have another request to make you about a matter that I am very anxious for vizt that you will please to Countenance my Brother in law Mr Burgess he is come over at an unlucky time for himself as to what he Primarily intended, but as he is remarkably ingenious, and well versed in drawing, and in military matters he may be a very useful hand at this time, should there occur any thing in which he could be employed I'm confident his conduct would give satisfaction," so far Capt Robinson, and as to the gentlemen in question Mr Burgess, I have seen him—he is a sensible clever middle aged man from Ireland brought his wife & children and is now at Hagars Town his intention was for Fort Chartres on the Ilionois in the view of a grant there where he has friends. I believe he is both a sea and land officer perhaps of the Marines. he appears to me to be a man of great spirit & understanding and if he was to engage in the American Service would be of Use. Capt Stull or some of the officers there might sound him, but I would rather wish that the Honorable Council themselves were to examine him. I inclose a letter to him which may be forwarded or not, as you Judge proper.

Last night about 8 oclock came here a drummer engaged by Coll Murdock for Capt Sims Company on foot, he had a letter for Colo Sim and being resolute to proceed, I sent a servant & horses with him to Colo Sims. The man informed me that one of the Minute Officers from Alexandria had wrote to his wife that Lord Dunmore was on his way up to Alexandria and would be up as soon as the River permitted. therefore desired her to remove. that 30 waggons were constantly employed at Alexa removing their effects &c. Colo Sim wrote

me late last night that John Murdock from George Town wrote him by the Drummer that Dunmore was above or about St Marys in his way up to Patomack and that they were there preparing to receive him—but whether the, there related to George Town or St Marys I cannot tell, possibly George Town. this Intelligence I thought it my duty to Communicate.

When I was at Annapolis in December I received an order from the Committee of Secrecy to keep what Powder & lead I had for their use & they took an obligation from me so to do till they ordered a person to view it when I was to have an order for my Money. The Convention ordered Col^{o} Sim for that purpose who sent here Messrs Crawford & Lee. they saw it took samples. sent them to Annapolis were proved & found good. Since then the same Gentlemen came here upon some disturbance on Patomack and desired in the name of the Committee of Observation that for safety it might be removed under their inspection to Marlbro'. accordingly the next day I examined and weighed it all, had it put into good tight barrels well coopered, carefully packed with hay in trunks well corded & sent to Marlbro' according to the Gentlemens directions. there the whole lies ready for removal and I desire to be paid, for which reason I send the necessary papers & authoritys. I have an immediate occasion for the money, or I should not just now have sent. I apprehend the trunks and cording are absolutely necessary for the safe keeping & transportation, but if thought otherwise, I will very readily keep them. I have been very exact and Careful in this Business which I hope the Honourable Council will approve of.

At a time when there is so much to be done as I think would employ every Zealous man I wonder to see so little stirring hereabouts and my own busy head & fingers without a Task. it is a very happy circumstance for me at this time, and I rejoice that matters are in other and abler hands. My good wishes and endeavours shall never be wanting on any occasion. with the greatest Esteem and Respect I am Honorable Gentlemen

Your most faithful & obed^{t} Servt
Stephen West.

Mr Crawford this day examined the Powder & saw the lead weighed of which he has given me a certificate annexed to this order of the Committee of Secrecy my son will wait on you & receive the money & take in my obligation of delivery if necessary.

S. W.

Original.

[West to Burgess.]

Woodyard 30th January 1776.

Sir. I wrote to you pretty fully from Frederick Town to the care of Mr Sprigg and Mr Hall and wrote also to those

gentlemen. I hope you and your spouse and family have been happily situated this winter. I have just received a letter from your Brother in law Captⁿ Robinson who is gone out lieutenᵗ in an armed vessel in the service of the Province. I shall give you his words. "I have another request to make you about a matter I'm very anxious for vizᵗ that you'l please to countenance my Brother in Law Mʳ Burgess, he is come at an unlucky time for himself as to what he Primarily intended, but he is remarkably ingenious and well versed in drawing and in military matters, he may be a very useful hand at this time, should there occur any thing in which he could be employed I'm confident his conduct would give satisfaction."

So far your Brother. Now Sir in conformity to his letter I have wrote to the Honourable Council of Safety at Annapolis. If you have any desire of being employed it will be your best way I think to wait upon them and offer your service, and if you have interest enough with Mʳ Hall either to go with you or unto the Council of Safety in your behalf, I think it might be of service, the small acquaintance between us prevents my saying further my respect for Isaiah and all his friends is sincere and I am with very good Regard, Sir

Your friend & servant. Stephen West.

If you come this way I shall be glad to see you.

To Mʳ Burgess at Hagers Town.

[West to Jenifer.] Original.

Woodyard 30th Janʸ 1776.

My Good Sir.

Having occasion for some money this week I have sent up my son with the agreement, order & Certificate relative to my powder & Lead, with the amount. I shall be much obliged to for your favour in despatching him as he proposes to return the same day. I have wrote to The Honᵇˡᵉ Council of Safety upon this & other matters, from my agreement with the Council of Secrecy the treasurer I think ought to pay me at once but you know best whether you or your Clk must first give an order. What is the highest exchange you give for good Bills, please tell Willy. I inclose the Papers. I am with

sincere respect your faithfull & obedᵗ servant,

Stephen West.

To The Honᵇˡᵉ Danˡ of Sᵗ Thoˢ Jenifer Esqʳ

[G. Lee to Beall.] Original.

Gisborough Janʸ 30th 1776

Sir. Had I known on Sunday evening when I received it, that the inclosed Commⁿ was intended for the upper Battalion

in this County I should have then returned it. I was nominated by the officers of the Companies of w^h^ the lower Battalion is composed, as a field officer of that Battalion & as the Gentlemen thought me unworthy of a Com^n^ there, I beg leave to return the one they sent me. I never aspired after a Com^n^ any where, but as the gentlemen officers afs^d^ thought proper to mention me in their return, I shou'd have done all in my power to render them satisfaction had I been appointed. I hope my refusal to act under this Commission may not be construed into any disrespect shewn to you & those under your command as I can assure you nothing of the sort is intended.

I am respectfully
Your hum^l^ Servant.
Geo. Lee.

To Col^o^ Joshua Beall.

C. S. J. Wednesday 31 January 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as yesterday.

Ordered; That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Hercules Courtenay two hundred & eleven pounds and two pence Currency, being the Ballance due him from this Province as p^r^ Account filed.

Ordered That a Letter in the following words be sent to the Brigadiers General of this Province respectively

Baltimore Town 31 January 1776.

Sir,

As we are desirous of knowing what number of Muskets are in the Hands of the Militia of your Brigade either belonging to the public or to Individuals, we request you'll furnish us with an Account of them as soon as you conveniently can, distinguishing to what Companies they respectively belong; and those which are good and serviceable, from what are unfit for use. And that you recommend to and earnestly admonish those of your Militia whose Guns are out of Repair, and whose Circumstances will admit of it, to have them immediately put into good Order; but that if the Owners of any such Guns cannot, from their Poverty, repair them and they are only defective in the Locks, that you have the same repaired and rendered fit for use at the public Expence. Writing immediately to the Colonels and other inferior Officers we recommend as the best Method of gaining Information in the above particulars.

We are very respectfully, Sir
Y^r^ mo. obed^t^ Serv^ts^
(Signed by the Council)

A Conference had with Mr [Alcock] and [Mr. Maussen- C. S. J.
baugh] on the Subject of Fortifications.

The Council called on Messrs Keener, Messersmith and Reddick to know what Quantity of Musquets they had made for the use of this Province in Consequence of their Contracts with Mr Alexander. Mr Keener reported that he had made thirty. Mr Messersmith that he had made twenty seven, and repaired fifty eight for the Ship Defence.

Mr Riddick that he had made seventy.

Ordered, That Major Gist and Captain Ewing or either of them be requested to employ a skilful person to prove the said Muskets or any others that may be hereafter made by the said Keener, Messersmith and Riddick or either of them under their aforesaid Contracts; and that the said Major Gist and Captain Ewing or either of them be empowered to draw on the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, for powder sufficient for that purpose.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

[Mason and Galton to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Fairfax County Jany 31st 1776.

Sir. Being empowered & directed, by the Committee of Safety for this Colony, to build two row gallies, one to carry a 24 & the other an 18 pounder, & provide three armd cutters for the protection of Potomac River, we think it proper to inform your board that this measure will be carryed into execution with all possible expedition, & that we hope to have your co-operation, in adopting some similar plan, for the same purpose, we beg the favour of an answer by the first opportunity; and are, with the greatest respect,

Sir yr most obdt Hble Serts
G. Mason
John Galton.

Thursday 1st February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 7 sent to the Deputies of this province in Congress.

Ordered, That the Company of Light Infantry in the regular Forces of this Province be armed with Rifles.

Ordered That Messrs John Hanson Junr Charles Beatty and James Johnson or any two of them be requested to provide and furnish the said Company with good substantial and serviceable Rifles, necessary Bullet-Moulds and powder Horns

C. S. J. & to draw the necessary Order on the Council of Safety from Time to Time to disburse the Expence attending the same.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Resolve of the late Convention relative to the Arming of the Troops be transmitted to them with a Copy of the above Order.

Ordered That the Clerk make out and send to the Justices of Baltimore County Court a Copy of the Resolutions of Convention relative to the Payment of Levies.

Ordered That the following Agreement be entered & a Copy of the same delivered to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Mess[rs] Lux & Bowley have agreed with the Council of Safety to take one Hundred Barrels of Flour on Board the pilot Boat Chatham on Account and Risk of this Province. You are therefore not to stop her intended Voyage by Reason of that Quantity of provisions being laden on Board said Vessel.

Ordered, That the Committee of observation for Frederick County be requested to collect all the public Arms in their respective Districts and where any of them have been delivered into the Hands of Individuals out of Repair, and have been put into good order and made fit for service by them at their own Expence that the said Committees respectively transmit an account of the same to the Council of Safety with the necessary Expences incurred, that such Individuals may be reimbursed out of the public Treasury, unless otherwise agreed at the Time of such Delivery. Also to attend particularly to those Arms which are still out of Repair, and to have them put into good Order as soon as possible, and as early as they conveniently can, to furnish the Council with a State of the whole.

Ordered, That Copies of the above Order be issued to the Committees of Observation for the several Districts of Frederick County respectively.

Resolved That the Rations for the marines in the Service of this Province be according as is expressed in the following Table, to wit.

	Bread	Beef	pork	peas	Rice	Butter	Cheese	Turnips	Potatoes	Onions
Sunday	1 lb.	1 lb.						1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb per week.
Monday	1 lb.		1 lb.	h. pint			4 oz.			
Tuesday	1 lb.	1 lb.								pudding
Wednesday	1 lb.		1 lb.		h. pint	2 oz.	4 oz.			
Thursday	1 lb.		1 lb.	h. pint						
Friday	1 lb.	1 lb.								pudding
Saturday	1 lb.		1 lb.	h. pint			4 oz.			

Half a pint of Rum per Man per Day, and discretionary Allowance for particular Occasions, such as Action, extra Duty, and the like: Three pints of Vinegar for six men per week.

Council adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] C. S. C. No. 7.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress,

1st Feby 1776.

Gentn

The inclosed memorandum was intended to be delivered personally to Mr Chase whilst in Baltimore Town, but his going away sooner than we expected prevented its being done. We should be obliged to you to advert to the Contents thereof as if addressed to all the Deputies and be pleased to give us an Answer as soon as you can with Convenience to yourselves.

We find that Blanketts, Strouds, Camp Equipage & Cannon, to say nothing of Powder, will be much wanted and we doubt are not to be procured in this Province.

When any Thing occurs in the News-way, we should be glad to have a line from you and are Yr most &c.

(The following is a copy of the inclosed Memorandum above mentioned.)

Mr Chase is requested by the Council of Safety to furnish them with the Price and Dimensions of the Chevaux de frize lately made at Philadelphia

To inform them whether any Thing and what has been done in Congress in consequence of a Resolve of the late Convention relative to the Canvass imported into the Province by Mr Jugé, a Foreigner.

Whether Messrs Willing and Morris have received a Letter from Messrs Chamberlain, Hooe and Ringgold, or either of them, advising them that this Province would receive 5 Tons of the Salt-Petre imported by said Willing & Morris, manufactured into Gun-Powder in part discharge of the Powder to be furnished by them and whether they have taken any Measures in consequence of it.

Whether there are any Match coat Blanketts or Stroud to be got in Philadelphia or New York, and to transmit the Plates and Paper directed by the Money Bill to be procured at Philadelphia, as soon as possible.

Also to inform them whether there be any probability of getting Knapsacks, Haversacks and Canteens for the Soldiers, and at what prices respectively and in what time they can furnished.

[Dorchester Committee to Council.] Original.

Dorchester County February 1st 1776.

Gentn Captain Joseph Robson who commands the minute company of this County, applied last week to us and informed

us that he had upon his receiving orders from the last Convention to March his Company to Virginia, examined the guns belonging to the men in his company, and could not make out more than ten that were in any sort fit for service. And as the Convention had ordered that the Company should be supplied with arms from Chester Town we advised the Captain immediately to make application to the Committee of that County for that purpose, which he has since accordingly done, but has been able to procure from thence only ten Muskets, wth three Bayonets and not a single Cartridge or Cartouch Box, of which articles the Company are also intirely in want. It therefore, under the Resolve of the Convention, became our duty to endeavour to borrow as many guns as will supply this Deficiency and this duty we would with great pleasure readily comply with, was it in our power, but the scarcity of all kinds of arms in this county is such, that we are convinced they are neither to be borrowed or bought, were we impowered to purchase them.

As this is the condition Captn Robson's Company is in, and it is impossible for us to supply their wants, we have thought it incumbent on us immediately to lay the matter before your Honors, in order that you may give such orders as you may think proper on this occasion. We believe Capt Robson & his Company are ready & willing to march if they can be supplied with arms, and any service that is in our power upon this or any other occasion we shall also be ready with great chearfulness to perform. We are with great respect, Gent^n^

Signed by order of the Com. of Observation for Dorset County } Your most obed^t^ Hble. Serv^ts^ James Murray chairman

Original.

[Thompson to Rumsey.]

Cecil County February 1st 1776

Dear Sir. By Capt Craig I inform you Mr Nathl Ramsey is arrived, I called on him yesterday, he tells me he has (in Partnership with a gentlemen of Philadelphia) about eight Tons of Gun Powder and five tons of Saltpeter, he has engaged to supply this County with one ton of Powder, at the same price the Committee of Philadelphia will give provided the money will be immediatly advanced, this County has very little Powder, I am sure not more than sixty pounds, the people are very uneasy on that head and seem much distressed. I most earnestly beg that you will represent this matter to the Council of Safety, and request of them to advance to the Committee of this County such a sum of money as will purchase one ton at the rate of twenty five pounds p^r^ hundred Capt Craig, if the

Council pleases to advance the money will receive it and deliver it to Coll° John Veazey chairman of the Committee.

I am Dr Sir,

Your very Humb. Ser^t^ Jn° D. Thompson.

To Benjamin Rumsey Esqr

Friday 2^d^ February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

A Letter was received from Robert Alexander Esqr inclosing the following Resolves of Congress, viz.

In Congress, Jan. 20, 1776.

It being necessary to procure a large Quantity of Specie for the Operations in Canada, which cannot be successfully carried on without that Article.

Resolved That it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions and Councils or Committees of Safety upon the Continent to employ proper persons within their respective Colonies to collect all the Gold & Silver Coin they can and inform the Congress of the sum collected.

Extract from the Minutes.
Chas Thomson Sec^y^

In Congress January 27th 1776.

Resolved that Monsr Jugé be permitted to export the produce or Manufactures of the Province of Maryland (horned Cattle, Hogs, Sheep & poultry excepted) to any part or place whatsoever (except to Great Britain, Ireland, the British Isles and British West Indies, and for the Supply of the British Army or Navy in America) to the Amount of the Canvas imported by him into the said Province, the said Value to be ascertained by the Committee of Inspection and Observation for the County of Baltimore.

Resolved nevertheless that the Indulgence in this Instance ought not to be drawn into Example, the same being granted to Mr Jugé on Account of the peculiar Circumstances of his Case, and that the said Mr Jugé be enjoined by the aforesaid Committee of Baltimore to avoid if possible all British Ships of War and armed Cutters on his Voyage.

Extract from the Minutes
Cha Thomson Sec^y^

Which were read, and thereupon

Resolved, That Messrs John Moale, Samuel Purviance, and William Lux and each of them be appointed to collect all the

C. S. J. Gold & Silver Coin that can be procured in Baltimore County to comply with the Resolve of the Congress.

Messrs Aquila Hall Richard [Dallam] and Aquila Paca in Harford County.

Messrs Henry Griffith, William Baird, John Hanson Junr and Michael Raymer in Frederick County.

Messrs Charles Carroll (of Carrollton) Thomas Dorsey and John Weems in Ann Arundel County.

Messrs Thomas Contee, Stephen West and William Turner Wootton in Prince George's County.

Messrs Robert Townsend Hooe, John Dent and Samuel Love in Charles County.

Messrs Benjamin Mackall 4th. Alexander Somervill and Patrick Sim Smith in Calvert County.

Col. George Plater, Richard Barnes and Hanson Briscoe in St Mary's County.

Messrs Peter Chaille, Samuel Handy & John Done in Worcester County.

Messrs George Dashiell, Samuel Wilson and William Adams in Somerset County

Messrs Henry Dickinson, William Richardson & Benson Stainton in Caroline County.

Messrs William Ennalls, James Murray and Henry Steele in Dorchester County.

Messrs James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Edward Lloyd and Greenbury Goldsborough in Talbot County.

Messrs Turbutt Wright, William Hemsley and Samuel Thompson Junr in Queen Ann's County.

Messrs Thomas Ringgold, Joseph Earle and William [Ringgold] (Eastern Neck) in Kent County.

Messrs Joseph Gilpin, Wm Rumsey, and Henry Ward Pearce in Cecil County.

Ordered That a Copy of the said Resolve of Congress together with a Copy of the Resolve of this Council notifying the Appointments aforesaid be inclosed to the several persons appointed in each County respectively, in the following Letter to wit.

Baltimore Town 2d Feby 1776.

Gent.

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolve of Congress for collecting Gold & Silver in this Province: as also a Resolve by the Council of Safety for your Appointment to collect the same in County. You are to inform the Council of Safety what Sum you have been able to collect with all convenient Speed that they may transmit the gross Amount of the whole to the Congress. We take it for granted that Continental Money will be ordered us in Exchange. In the mean time by way of

forwarding the Business you may have provincial Money from our Treasurer for any Sum in Gold or Silver Coin you may lodge with him. C. S. J.

The Council went to Whetstone Point to inform themselves of the situation thereof, and consider of the practicability of fortifying the same.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.

[Alexander to Council.] Original.

Gent. You have inclosed two Resolutions of Congress one respecting the Collection of Gold & silver for the pay of the Troops in Canada, the other on the Case of Mr Juge, referred to Congress by the Convention of your Province. In consequence of the Resolve of the Convention, we made application to Congress to grant permission to consume the Tea imported before the first of Feby last, the application was referred to a Committee of the whole House, where the Subject was debated for two Days & overruled by a Majority 7 colonies to 5, the last N. York, Jersey, Penn^sa^ Delaware & Maryland, and a Report made by the Chairman, that it was inexpedient to alter the association, this Report now lies on the Table. the Loss of Genl Montgomery with the particulars of his unfortunate attach on Quebeck, you will have heard. Measures are now taken by Congress, which I trust will reduce Carlton & his few Troops before the End of February, had one third of the Succours been sent Montgomery, in all human probability, the Life of that brave & gallant Officer had been saved & Quebeck long e'er this in our Possession. the Instructions of the Convention are come to Hand, but not as yet laid before Congress. I am much pleased with them, they intirely coincide with my Judgment & that Line of Conduct which I had determined to persue, the Farmer and some others to whom in Confidence they were shewn, say they breath that Spirit, which ought to govern all publick Bodies, Firmness tempered with Moderation:

I am Gen^t^ with respect y^r^ Hble. Servant.

Phil^a^ 30 Jany 1776. Robt Alexander.

[Dorsey and others to Council.] Original

Elk Ridge Feby 2^d^ 1776.

Gentlemen. The Honorable Convention having been pleased to appoint us Field Officers for the Elk Ridge Battalion of Militia, and we well knowing the situation of said Battalion, respecting Fire arms, many being without any, and others in such order that were we called to action, would not be able to make a proper defence, and we considering that at a very

small expence to the province, many of the guns belonging to the poorer People, who cannot conveniently pay for the repairing and putting them in proper order, could be made fit for use. Beg leave to request of your honours, that should you think it expedient, that said arms should be repaired to signify the same to us, and we will have them done in the most speedy, cheapest, & effectual manner. We are respectfully

Gen^{t} y^{r} most ob^{t} Serv^{ts}
Thomas Dorsey
Jno Dorsey
Edwd Gaither Junr

Original.

[Alexander and Paca to Council.]

Phil^{a} 2^{d} Feby 1776.

Gent. Last night we received your Letters by Maynard, covering the Resolutions of Congress relative to the Plates & Paper for the Prov^{l} Currency as the furnishing Devices, is a Business to which We are entire Strangers, We have advised with Doct^{r} B. Franklin & shall with his assistance set the Engraver to Work in a few Days; as the Convention have ordered both Plates & Paper here, we submit to you, whether it would not be expedient to have the Printing also done by Hall or Sellers, of this we are certain, the Business would be done with much greater Expedition but in this, shall be governed by your Directions.

With Respect to Cannon, so far as we can form any Opinion from the short Time to make the Enquiry, none can be had here or from any of the Eastern Governments, they are very scarce thro' the whole Continent—a Committee of Congress of which Mr Rogers is a Member, have been appointed to make Enquiry into the Quantity of Cannon on Hand & what will be wanted & where & on what Terms they can be had; no Report is yet made, but a Letter, from Mr Chase to Mr Paca mentioning that Hughes in Fred^{k} had contracted with Convention to supply our Province at £32.10, being communicated to Congress, the Members of the Committee were immediately very desirous to see Mr Hughes & to know whether he would make the like Contract, for supplying the Demands of Congress; this will convince you that a Supply cannot be had from hence & that you must rely on your Resources, by casting them in the Province. Mr Paca purchased from Mr Morris 12 Guns of 6 pounds Ball for £600, by order of Mr Johnson, they would have been sent down, had not the Ice stopped the navigation.

We are with respect Gen^{t} Y^{r} hum^{l} servants.
R. Alexander Wm Paca.

P. S. Agreeable to your Request, a Pasport was granted Maynard, who proceeded immediately to New York. Mr Purviance inclosed us affidavits of two Skippers who had been taken by Ld Dunmore, mentg that a Pilot Boat with a Clergyman from Maryld had arrived at Norfolk, who gave Information of the outfit of store & the Provision Vessels, if you have heard of this Business, be pleased to advise us, We are desirous of knowing the Truth, a difficult task at present.

[Chase to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Charles Town Febv 2d 1776.

Dear Sir. Capt Nathaniel Ramsay informs me, that he can procure about 140 yds of Country made cloth, at about 8/ cuy per yard, and linen country made, from 2/4 to 2/8 fit & proper for hunting shirts, enough for his Company. The Cash will be necessary. I once more take the liberty to remind you of the gun locks in the hands of Mr S. West. I shall be glad to render the province or you any services in the city of Philadelphia.

I am Sir
With regard your obedt servt
Saml Chase

To the Honble Dan of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

[Lindenberger and McClellan to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. At the sitting of the last convention, we brought a sample of gun powder made by us, Thos Jonston Esqr acquainted us it was approved of, and a Resolve was made and ended to lend us (if required) any sum of money not amounting above £1000 without interest for 2 years, but as the gentlemen in convention, and we did not know on what terms we should agree; we was informed, the matter should be left to the consideration of the Council of Safety which would sitt in Baltimore & we therefore beg leave to acquaint the gentlemen whenever they shall think proper, we shall attend.

Gentlemen we are with due respect
Your very Humble Servants.
Balto. Town
febv 2d 1776. Geo. Lindenberger John McClellan

Saturday 3d Febv 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday. C. S. J.

Resolved That the Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County who reside in Baltimore Town, or

C. S. J. any three of them, be and are hereby requested to examine the Cannon lying at Fell's Point and elsewhere in and near Baltimore Town and cause such of them as may be found fit for Service, not intended for the Ship Defence, to be lodged in some Place of Security mounted on proper Carriages as soon as they conveniently can, and make Report of the State of the Cannon and the Expence of Carriages to the Council of Safety.

Ordered That a Copy of the Resolution of Congress relative to Monsr Jugé be immediately transmitted to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith One hundred pounds for subsist Money for his Recruits.

Whereas Samuel Purviance Junr John Moale, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Calhoun, Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Harrison, Benjamin Griffith Isaac Griest, John Smith, John Boyd, William Aisquith and William Buchanan, acting Members of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County residing in and near Baltimore Town have delivered in to the Council of Safety Proposals for fortifying the Town of Baltimore and placing Obstructions in the Channel of the River so as to prevent the Approach of Men of War to the said Town agreeable to the Resolve of the late Convention and have offered to undertake the Business and compleat the same with all convenient speed for the Sum of six thousand two hundred Pounds, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and are willing to give Bond with Condition for the due performance of their Agreement, therefore

Resolved, That the proposition made by said Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation be accepted, and that Bond be taken with Condition, that if the said Samuel Purviance Junr William Lux, John Moale, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Calhoun, Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Harrison, Benjamin Griffith, Isaac Griest, John Smith, John Boyd, Wm Aisquith and William Buchanan, or the Survivors of them, their Heirs, Executors or Administrators do & shall in all Things fulfill the Resolve of said Convention and their the said Obligers Agreement with the Council of Safety and do and shall well and truly lay out and expend the aforesaid Sum of six thousand two hundred Pounds Currency or so much thereof as may be necessary in fortifying said Town, and placing Obstructions in the Channel of the River so as in all human probability will prevent men of war approaching said Town, and do from Time to Time render a full and fair Account of their Expences and other Transactions in the Management of the Business aforesaid and also do and shall well and faithfully and in a proper manner compleat the same Fortifications and Obstruc-

tions with all convenient Speed so as in all human Probability to prevent the Men of War approaching said Town, then the Bond to be void otherwise to be and remain in full Force & Virtue in Law. Which Bond was taken accordingly [and filed]. C. S. J.

Instructions and sailing Orders are given to Joseph Oakman Captain of the Sloop Two Sisters.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Daniel Grant four pounds ten shillings for the use of his Room.

Council adjourns to the City of Annapolis till Tuesday next.

[Council to West.] C. S. C. No. 8.

To Mr. Stephen West

3^d^ Feby 1776

Sir The Council of Safety have been informed that you have a Number of Gun Locks to dispose of, if that be the Case, you will be pleased to let them know by the first Opportunity what Number you have and the Price also whether they are single or double bridled Locks. You wrote for an Order on the Treasury for Powder delivered the Committee,—send up their Receipt for the Quantity delivered, and your Order will be made out at any Time when your Receiver may attend for the Cash.

[Lindenberger and M^c^Clellan to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. We propose paying you 3/9 p^r^ pound for refined salt petre and 6 p^r^ pound for refined sulphur delivered to us. The Charcoal we will find, and deliver the gunpowder at the mill for 5/ p^r^ pound, provided you will take in powder to the amount of what money you will lend us for buying a mill seat and building the mill, and likewise, to the amount for materials we shall receive of you

Gentlemen we are your most Humble Servants.

Balto. Town. Geo. Lindenberger. John M^c^Clellan.
feb^y^ 3^d^ day 1776.

[Stenhouse to Wiesenthal.] Original.

Dr Sir. I have reviewed the Drugs medicines &c & find there will be about £250 not exceeding £300 cur^y^ Including the shops apparatus. Any thing that is hurt in quality shall not be included, the terms I told you would be 150 on the first cost, & I can produce the original Invoices. I am

Feby 3 1770 Your mo ob^t^ Servt A. Stenhouse.
To Doc^r^ Charles F. Weisenthall.

Original. [Townsley's Proposal.]

John Townsley can make of Camp Kettles 50 at 3 gallons each at 10 shillings each likewise 250 of Cantins to hold a quart or better at $3^s/9^d$ each the above number is as near as I can undertake. But by overhalling my tin the number may be more or possable a little less.

John Townsley

Balt^o 3^d Feby 1776.

Original. [Purviance to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 4th Feby 1776.

Sir. The Bearer Capt Allen having called on me to know if I had any commands to Annap^s I take the liberty to advise you that he will be a very safe opportunity & that if it be agreeable to the gentlemen of the Council, I shou'd be glad you w^d send us by him £1000 of the money granted for the defence of the town as cash will very soon be wanted. It being agreed last night to send people to the woods to cut down Timber, & to set the smiths at work, at the same time I am to inform y^o we have not yet fixed the plan of conducting the busn^s and that what I now write is without authority from the comm^{ee} whom I cannot consult before tomorrow, our stated day of meeting; But as the oppt^y is so favourable I am certain the Com^{ee} will approve of what I do If you think proper to send the money, please to take a Rec^t from Capt Allen for the Com^{ee} of Baltimore by order of the Chairman.

I am with Respect Sir, Your most Hb^l Servt

Saml Purviance Junr

To the Honble Dan. of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

C. S. J. Tuesday 6th February 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Saturday last.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Henry Hollingsworth One hundred pounds Currency to enable him to carry on his Saltpetre Works in Cæcil County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Original. [H. Hollingsworth to Council.]

The subscriber will engage to have made any quantity from two hundred to two thousand muskets, on the same plan, and at the same price, they are made in this or the ajacient provinces and finish one hundred by the tenth day of April next,

and one hundred p[r] month after, till the quantity engaged are furnished, providing I am finish'd with locks for said muskets at least twenty days before said day, (for which shall be allow'd fifteen shillings for each lock) out of the price of the musket so finished, and providing I am advanced the sum of three hundred and twenty five pounds immediately (or as soon as good security is ofer[d]) and a further sum of one hundred pounds, at the delivery of said hundred muskets, towards defraying the expence of the second hundred, and for each hundred after to have the sum of fifty pounds advanced, till the quantity wanted are compleated as witness my hand this sixth day of Feb[y] 1776

H. Hollingsworth Cecil county

P. S. Tis meant that said muskets be compleat, with stock Boinet, Ramer, and brass mounting.

[Chase to Jenifer?] Original

Philad[a] Feb[y] 6th 1776.

Dear Sir. The Congress just now received the Letter from the Council of safety of N. York, pray dispatch copy to Virginia by the post, or if gone, by express to their Convention. a Brig is arrived to M[r] Morriss with 15 tons of Powder & 1500 stand of arms, 5 Tons & 500 arms belong to our province.

Adieu S. Chase, in Congress

Wednesday 7. February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] John Gassaway thirty Pounds Currency on Account of Cap[t] Nathaniel Ramsey's Company.

Commission issued to Jacob Duvall appointed Ensign of Capt. John Macgill's Company of Militia in Prince George's County. Also to Edward Norwood appointed Capt. Samuel Godman 1, Lieutenant, James Walker 2[d] Lieutenant & Horatio Johnson Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Also to Elisha Riggs appointed Captain, John Marriott, 1 Lieutenant, Joseph Walker Jun[r] 2[d] Lieutenant and Horatio [Johnson] Ensign [of a comp]any of Militia in said County.

Col. Smallwood [produced] and delivered to the Council a Copy of the Enrolment of Capt Thomas Ewing's Company of Regular Forces which was examined with the original and ordered to be filed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

C. S. J. Mr Stephen West two hundred and fifty nine Pounds nineteen Shillings and three pence for powder & Lead purchased of him by the Convention.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Spear to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 7th Feby 1776.

Sir. Inclosed you have invoice of the oznabrigs you desired me to keep for you, which I have, ready to deliver to your order. By the inclosed acco^t^ it appears there is a balance in my favour of £168. 12^s^. 12^d^ which sum please to give the bearer Mr Cummings an order on the Tresurer for and oblige S^r^ your obed^t^

hum^ble^ Ser^t^ Wm Spear.

P. S. There is accounts come to Philad^a^ from the west indies that there is a number of our vessels seized Mr Neils schooner from this place is said to be one of that number I trembel for such vessels as is destined for St Eusttia and Martinica, on acco^t^ of their Vicinity with St. Christopher and Dominica, if you should have any thing to add to any Captn orders I will attend you with him, the time of his sailing is very uncertain as our navigation is entirely stoped by the Ice.

W. S.

To The Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer.

Original. [Chamberlaine to Council.]

Talbot County Feby 7th 1776

Gentlemen. I am requested to enclose you the Commission granted to Mr William Goldsborough, who to gratify his parents, has declined the acceptance thereof. We made an appointment in convention of Perry Benson to be ensign in the Heart of Oak Company to supply the place of their officer who had been promoted, on a supposition that he stood next in the line for preferment in this we were mistaken and find that the Commission should have been made out to Henry Colston their first Sergeant, whose appointment will give general satisfaction to the Company and enclose you that Com^n^ in hopes they may be indulged in the alteration.

I am Respectfully Gentlemen
Your very Ob^t^ Hum^b^ Servt
Ja^s^ Lloyd Chamberlaine

Thursday 8 February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay Lieutenant John Kidd six Pounds fifteen shillings for one Months Pay.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Smallwood a Sum not exceeding fifteen hundred Pounds.

Commission issued to Thomas Mayo appointed second Lieutenant of Capt. John Boone's Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Copy of Letter N° 9 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, and a Copy of Letter N° 10, to the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Ordered That the Register in Chancery immediately furnish the Council of Safety with a List of the Record Books in the Chancery Office, and prepare for the Removal of the Records and Papers in said Office to such Place as shall be directed by the said Council.

In Consequence of the Resolve of the honourable Convention made at Annapolis on the 18th of January last past.

Ordered That the Records of the Land Office, also the Records of the Secretary's office including the provincial and Chancery Court, and also the Records of the Commissary's office be removed on Monday next from the City of Annapolis to William Brown's House in London Town and thence on Wednesday next, if a fair Day, to Upper Marlborough and there be placed in the Store houses of Messrs Samuel Hepburn & David Craufurd under the Care and Management of one of the Clerks of the said Offices respectively.

That the Records of the Secretary's Office, including the Provincial and Chancery Court be committed to the Care and Management of Mr George Ranken one of the Clerks of the said Office.

That the Records of the Land Office be committed to the Care and Management of Mr David Steuart one of the Clerks of the said Office.

That the Records of the Commissary's Office be committed to the Care and Management of Mr Elie Vallette, one of the Clerks of the said Office.

That two Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County be requested to attend the Records from the City of Annapolis to Mr William Brown's in London Town & thence on Wednesday next if a fair Day to Queen Anne, when they are to deliver them to two Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County.

C. S. J. That two Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County be requested to receive the Records at Queen Anne on Wednesday next, and conduct them from thence, if a fair Day, to Upper Marlborough, when they are to be lodged in the Store houses of Messrs Samuel Hepburn and David Craufurd agreeable to an Order of this Council.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

No. 9. [Council to Deputies in Congress.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress

Feby 8 1776

Gentlemen:

Immediately on the receipt of Mr Alexander's of the 20th of Jany with the Resolution of the Congress we appointed Gentlemen in each County of this Province to collect all the Gold and Silver they could in their several counties, the amount of which you shall be acquainted with as soon as we are informed of it by them. We have also received a letter from Messrs Paca and Alexander of the 2nd of this month and are sorry to find we are likely to be disappointed in our prospects of getting cannon from New York or Philadelphia as they were immediately wanted for carrying into Execution the Resolution of the Convention for fortifying the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town and as we are not certain whether Mr Hughes, tho' he has already begun casting the nine pounders with some success, may be able to comply with the contract for the heavy cannon with the convention in time. Those purchased by Mr Paca are intended for the Ship Defence which is getting ready with all possible expedition. We are obliged to you for the attention you have given to our request and the resolution of the convention relative to the Plates and Paper for the New Emission of paper money and should most readily conform to your advice and agree to the striking the money at Philadelphia by the persons you mention, but we think ourselves in that particular ty'd up by the Resolve of the Convention which requires that the Bills be printed and struck under the direction of "two Freemen of the Province to be appointed as supervisors by the Council of Safety who are to receive 20/ ꝑ day" and it would be difficult to get two that would attend at Philadelphia during the time of printing.

We have been long in the expectation of receiving the Powder from Messrs Willing and Morris which they engaged to supply us with and for which the money was lodged in their hands but have not as yet been favored by them with any thing on that Head, we need not acquaint you that it is an

Article we stand much in need of and that the Convention, to relieve our present Necessity, had agreed to take five tons of that made at Philadelphia for the Salt Petre lately imported in part of what we were to have had from those Gentlemen; we shall be obliged if you will know of them when we may expect the five Tons and what prospect they have of procuring the rest contracted for by them and favour us with their Answer. C. S. J.

While the convention was sitting Mr Samuel Purviance sent down two Depositions to the purpose of what you mention in your last; the subject was considered by the Convention and it was resolved that no further notice should be taken of the Affair and that the proceedings should be kept secret; we suppose the two depositions sent you by Mr Purviance are in substance the same and we cannot but think it extraordinary that he should presume to trouble you with a matter that had been agitated and settled in Convention. If it be not too much trouble we request you will send us copies of them and a copy of his Letter enclosing them to you.

[Council to Virginia Committee.] No. 10.

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gentlemen:

We are much obliged by your favour of the 27th ult^o^ and shall most cheerfully cooperate with you in every Measure that may contribute to our mutual Defence against the invaders of our reciprocal Rights that may be in our power; and shall also be happy in keeping up a constant intimate correspondence which our common cause at this time renders necessary.

Our Inexperience in naval preparations, prevents us at present from either approving or disapproving your plan of Row-Gallies for the protection of Potowmack river. We have a ship which we call the Defence that mounts 22 six Pounders, besides Swivels and will be ready to proceed to her Station by the first of March. She will cruise in the Bay and the Captain shall have orders to contribute every thing in his Power to the common Defence on all Occasions. The Powder necessary for this Ship and for Fortifications which we are building will diminish our Stock so much as to prevent us from attempting an Increase of our Marine till we receive a supply of that necessary Article more than sufficient for our Troops & Militia on whom we chiefly rely for protection and when this happens we shall advise you of it.

We have adventured very extensively to procure Arms and Ammunition, but are fearful from the Advices that we have lately received, our Endeavours will not be attended with the Success we wished and had reason to hope for.

C. S. C. [Timmins to Council.]

Gentlemen of the Committee. I apply for employment in making steel ramrods which I am willing to make as reasonable as Possible which I think cannot be done under five shillings p^{r} rod if the gentlemen think proper to employ me I must beg you will assist me in geting some steel as it is very scarce. from your humble Servant,

Edwd Timmins.

Feby 8th 1776.

[Wiesenthal to Barrister Carroll.]

Sir. According to your orders I have made an estimate of those medicines of Dr Stenhouse which are partly useless, and those of a larger quantity then what we may want which amount to £80, though at the same time there are some few wanting of which we have too little, at least in some small space of time, (viz) Jesuits Bark of which we have but 5 lb next opium and Spanish flyes—The shop furniture which consist of Drawers, Boxes, Glass, furniture, Mortars, and utensils for preparing and which we cannot do without amount to about £90 of which we may reckon some brakings other accidents to become worthless to about £20, there remains £70. The ship defence may be in great measure furnished, which we may at least allow £50, perhaps according as the appointed Doct^{rs} may see cause, still more and then we may have nearly medicines for one campaigne left: You was pleased to intimate that in case the troops should be obliged to march to either Virginia or New York that I as surgeon would be under necessity to go along with em, which is really fast and I should have no more objections then if they did stay not doubting but that the salary is made comparatively with the station, I am as ready and willing to assist to the utmost of my power strength and abilities as the cause may require being with due respect Sir.

Your most obed^{t} Hble Servt
C. J. Wiesenthal.

P. S. It is one of the greatest objects in all Armys to take the utmost care of the lives of Soldiers, since they are exposed to disorders on acc^{t} of their irregular living, often stationed in unhealthy Places Camps, besides wounds received in action, and other accidents, for which reason they employ a sufficient number of surgeons in proper degrees and Physicians in the prussian army every company consisting of 160 effective men have a surgeon & a Battalion has besides the above a Battalion

surgeon, and a regiment over and above this has a surgeon major and if more a surgeon General to have the whole Direction of forming hospitals &c: The English troops where a regiment when compleat, which is very seldom the Case, consisting not above 600 men have a surgeon and a mate sometimes 2 according to emergency: I therefore take the liberty to offer to your consideration whether you would not think it requisite to appoint yet another Surgeon more: C. S. C.

C. J. W.

To Charles Carroll Esqr Barrister:

Friday 9 February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Rumsey attended.

An Agreement was made with Mr Hugh Young for the Exportation of Provisions agreeable to a Resolution of Congress. Also with Mr George Woolsey for the like purpose, & Copies thereof filed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Hugh Young fifteen hundred pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to George Woolsey eighteen hundred Pounds Currency.

Permit was given to Mr Hugh Young to export Tobacco and Iron, or provision and in Return to import Salt.

Commission issued to John Fulford appointed Captain of a Company of Matrosses to be stationed at the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. John Fulford two hundred Pounds common Money for Subsist and advance Money for his Recruits.

Ordered That the Committee of observation for Baltimore County be requested to collect all the public Arms in their County, and where any of them have been delivered into the Hands of Individuals out of Repair and have been put into good Order and made fit for service by them at their own Expence, that the said Committee transmit an Account of the same to the Council of Safety with the necessary Expences incurred, that such Individuals may be reimbursed out of the public Treasury, unless otherwise agreed at the Time of such Delivery. Also to attend particularly to those Arms which are still out of Repair and to have them put into good Order as soon as possible and as early as they conveniently can to furnish the Council with a State of the Whole. And that the said Committee deliver such of the said Arms as are fit for Service, and others as they are repaired to Major Gist or his Order.

Ordered that Mr William Spear of Baltimore Town deliver to Col. Smallwood or his Order 1989 yards of Osnaburgh pur-

C. S. J. chased of him by the Council of Safety towards cloathing the regular Troops of this Province.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered That the Commissioners of the Loan Office be requested to furnish the Council of Safety with a List of the Bonds in that Office, and of the Obligors, the Date, and principal Sum of Money in each respectively.

A Letter was received from Mr Saml Chase and answered. Copy of the Letter No 11 was sent to Capt Nathl Ramsey.

Adjourned till next Day [10] o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 11.

[Council to Ramsey.]

To Captain Nathaniel Ramsey.

Sir.

We are advised by a Letter which Mr Chafer favored us with from Charles Town the 2nd Inst that you can procure about the Quantity of 140 yds. of Country Cloth at about 8/ per yard and Linen (Country made) from 2/4 to 2/8 fit and proper for Hunting Shirts, sufficient for your Company. The Cloth we request you will immediately purchase for the use of the Province unless from its Narrowness you should think it dearer than Broad-Cloth of equal Quality at 15/ cur. p. yard; and if the Linen should exceed Oznaburgs in Width so as to reduce the Price nearly to that of 2/ pr yard, we would have you buy the Linen also, as we presume it is superior to Oznaburgs, and as we would give the Preference to what is manufactured among ourselves when we can do it consistently with the Relation in which we stand to the Public.

The Money shall be either transmitted you by the first safe Conveyance you may apprize us of after we are furnished with the Amount of those Articles, or paid to your Order as shall be most agreeable to you.

Col° Smallwood will direct what shall be done with the Cloth and Linen and we think you had better defer making them up for your Men until you hear from him.

We have drawn an Order on the Treasurer in favor of Mr Gassaway for the sum of £30 curry. as you requested and are, &c.

Feby. 10, 1776

Original.

[——— to Council?]

Annapolis Febv 9th 1776

Gentlemen. Enclosed you have a copy of a letter from N. York to the Congress forwarded to us with a desire that a copy of it should be immediately transmitted to you.

H.

Saturday 10 Feby 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 12 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Saint Mary's County.

Mr George Ranken delivers to the Council a List of the Record Books in the Chancery Office which was ordered to be entered; and is as follows.

List of the Records of the Chancery Court taken by Order of the Council of Safety for the province of Maryland.

Liber C D	containing	Proceedings from	1688 to 1672
P C		D°	1671 to 1712
P L		D°	1712 to 1724
T R		D°	1724 to 1729
I R N° 2		D°	1729 to 1736
I B		D°	1736 to 1738
I R		D°	1738 to 1746
I R		D°	1746 to 1756
B T N° 1		D°	1757 to 1761
D D N° 1		D° (not compleat)	1761 to
2		D°	1767 to 1771
3		D°	1771 to 1773.

True List

p^{r} Geo. Ranken Clk.

Commissions issued to James Murray appointed Colonel, John Dickinson, Lieutenant Col. Joseph Ennalls 1 Major, Joseph Richardson 2^{d} Major & Robert Gilmor Quarter Master of the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County.

Also to Thomas Ennalls appointed Col. John Ennalls, Lieut. Col. Robert Harrison 1 Major [Thomas] Muse 2^{d} Major & Thomas Jones Quarter Master of the lower Battalion of Militia in said County.

Also to Wm Traverse appointed Capt John Askon Traverse 1 Lieut, Alexander Tolly 2^{d} Lieut & Philips Ferguson Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County called The Plymouth Greens.

Also to Zacharias Campbell appointed Captain and Bartholomew Ennalls Junior 2^{d} Lieut. of the Transquakin Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Dr Thomas Bourke appointed Captain Ezekiel Vickers 1 Lieut., Thomas Firmin Eccleston 2^{d} L^{t} & Nathaniel Manning Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County called the Cambridge Blues.

Also to Thomas Logan appointed 1 Lieut. James Sulivane 2^{d} Lieut. & John Pitt Airey Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County called The New Market Blues.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 13 was sent to Mr Wm Spear of Baltimore Town. Instructions & sailing Orders were given to Captain Thomas Moore of the Brig Fortune.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Smith or his Order One thousand pounds agreeable to an Order of the Committee of Baltimore County.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Lux & Bowley six hundred and eighty seven Pounds four Shillings and a penny for Cloathing for the Troops.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

A Letter from the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County respecting Capt. [Joseph] Robson's Minute Company was received and answered.

Ordered That Messrs William Lux and Daniel Bowley deliver to Col. Wm Smallwood or his Order all the Cloth and plush purchased by them by Order of the Council of Safety for cloathing the regular Troops of this Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt John Allen Thomas two hundred Pounds Currency on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Felix Lewis Massenback twenty pounds for his Expences in attending the late Convention and this Council and for his Services as an Engineer.

Mr Felix Lewis Massenbach was appointed 2^d^ Lieutenant of Capt Fulford's Artillery Company.

Capt. Thomas proposed to the Council to procure Cloathing and Blankets for his Company, The Council to allow him a Sum not exceeding £3. 5 for each Suit of Cloaths and a Sum not exceeding fifteen Shillings for every Blanket which was agreed to.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 12.

[Council to St. Mary's Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for St Mary's County, 10th Feby. 1776

Gentlemen.

We request you'll immediately send to the Council of Safety at Annapolis what Gun-Locks you have in your County belonging to the Province.

No. 13.

[Council to Spear.]

Sir. To Mr William Spear, Feby 11th 1776

We are sorry to hear of the Seisure of the Vessels you mention in yours of the 7th, however we hope the Report about

Neil's Schooner may not be true. As we may probably think of giving some further Instructions to your Captain we shall take it as a Favor if when he comes down you will accompany him. C. S. C.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 14.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress

11th Feby. 1776

Gentn

The Convention in Consequence of the Desire of the Congress had ordered three Companies of their Minute-Men to march to the Assistance of the Counties of Accomack and Northampton in Virginia. Two of them are already, as we hear, at their Stations, and you will see by the inclosed the Reason why the other is prevented from complying with the Order of the Convention. We would, were it in our Power, [without rendering this city and Baltimore Town entirely defenceless] with great readiness spare the Arms wanted.

Since the Rising of the Convention 'till Friday last we have not heard from the Eastern Shore, the Communication having been cut off by the Frost. We send you the Letters that you may know the State of the affair and if necessary apprize the Congress of it.

[Pendleton to Council.]

Wmsburg Feb. 10th 1776.

Gent We think it our indispensible duty to inform you that a 50 gun man of war is just arrived & lying with the King Fisher & several Tenders off old Fort Point below Hampton what ship or from whence she came, we have not yet discovered we are with great regard.

Gent yr mo obedt Servt
Edmd Pendleton.

By order of the Commee

[Wiesenthal to Council.] Original.

Balto Town Febv 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. According to your orders, I have examined and received into my care the medicines and shop of Doct Stenhouse for the use of the troops, the invoice of which I have thought requisite to inclose for your examination. The medicines are all of good quality, and saleable in case they

should not be wanted the price is less than what medicines at present sell for, and that considerable. I thought it was necessary to take the whole shop with its furniture, not only because the Drugs must be contained in something but more particular that they can be kept in a proper order and regularity, since, as they must occasionally be divided, there ought to be a proper repository for the whole, this furniture has encreased the sum to more then was at first expected it is still as saleable as the rest of the medicines. There are but few drugs which are useless for the army and some are in a greater quantity then what we may for the present want which can serve to exchange for others which we may want in future. I have likewise taken some necessary Surgeons instruments which likewise enhance the sum. Upon the whole it is my opinion that if the war should continue and consequently our troops take the field we shall find abundantly use for these medicines and not have enough, but should we be so happy as to conclude a peace and not want many of the medicines they will always bring the money laid out again another consideration is that the ship defence will most certainly want a considerable chest, and as it can be supply'd from this shop, will take off a good deal thereof.

I have the honour to be with due respect, Gentlemen
Your most obed^{t} hb^{l} Servt
C. F. Wiesenthal

Original.

[Chase to Jenifer.]

Philad^{a} Feby 10th 1776.

Dear Sir. Inclosed you receive a proposal to furnish our Troops with the new invented Knapsack and Haversack & of Cartouch Boxes &^{c}

The Blockade of Quebec is continued Arnold has 700 men with him, daily aids are going, he expects to take the Command in six weeks no news of consequence.

Your obed^{t} Servant, Saml Chase.

To the Honble Dan of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

Letter enclosed. Philad^{a} Feby 9th 1776.

Original. Saml Chase Esqr Sir

Rough sketch.

The above is a rough draft of the new Invented Napsack and haversack in one that is adopted by the Americans

Regulars of Pennsylvania New Jersey & Virginia @ 8/6 each. I could furnish any quantity that may be wanted for Maryland by the first of April.

Best cartouch boxes, for 23 rounds with a pouch large flap and shoulder belt, @ 8/6.

Bayonet Belt, to go over the shoulder with a double frog to carry a Bayonett & Tomahawk @ 4/6.

Gun Slings @ 2/ each, priming wires & Brushes @ 7/6 doz.

Any quantity of the above articles that may be wanted for the province of Maryland. You may depend on being punctually & carefully supply[d] with, if you see proper to employ

Your ob[t] Ser[t]

J. Young

To Sam[l] Chase Esq[r]

[Dashiell and Horsey to Council.] Original.

Somerset County 10th February 1776.

Gentl[n] The inclosed certificate serves to inform you, that the Company to which M[r] Geo. Wailes was appointed Cap[t] by the Convention, has been displeased at there not having been previously inform[d] of that appointment that they might have had an opportunity of reelecting their officers, to fill up the vacancy in the Company. We are to inform you that Cap[t] Wailes has declin'd to act in that station, and the company has chose by Ballot their officers as will appear by the inclosed certificate. As it appears inconsistent; to rank those gentlemen in Battallion with the officers who are honoured with commissions by the convention; before they receive their commissions (or in fact that they cannot we presume to exercise in Battalion before they receive commissions) it becomes our duty to acquaint you that we apprehend the granting commissions to the Gentlemen mentioned in this certificate would have a good tendency; as it would enable us to exercise them in Battallion, & we have reason to believe it will prevent a dissolution of the Company. We have the Honor to be Gent[n] your your most ob[t] Hum[l] Serv[ts]

George Dashiell
W[m] Horsey

On the 9th Feb[y] 1776 We happened at a Militia Company to which George Wales was appointed Captain by the Convention where a discontent appeared among the whole company, upon w[h] Captain Wales resigned his commission, & the Company proceeded to chuse by Ballot their officers, who were Original.

Robert Hitch Captain Jacob Beall, first Lieu[t] Thomas Humphres, second Lieu[t] & George Tull ensign, we being by the Company appointed to receive the ballots & attend to the election do certify that the above mentioned Gentlemen was duly appointed officers by the Ballots of the people.

Uriah Forrest
Rob[t] Dashiell

Original.

[Barrett to Council.]

Frederick Town Feb[y] 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. I had the Honor to receive from the delegates of the Freemen of this Province a Commission as Captain of one of the Independant Companies in the Regular service, no one would be more happy than myself in the acceptance of it, had the gentlemen who were appointed Lieutenants been known to the men I would wish to carry into action. It is twenty years since I first had the Honour to command a Company in Defence of my Country. since that time I have commanded many. And being apprehensive at the beginning of this unhappy, cruel, & unnatural Contest between the mother Country and her Colonies that I might be once more called on to stand forth in defence of our Liberties I had frequently conversed with and informed my Militia Company and many others of my neighbours and acquaintance that it was highly probable I might again solicit them to follow me to the field of Battle they in the general most chearfully agreed to march whenever I should call on them, but as it was possible I might fall if we went into action, they desired that two gentlemen which they had agreed on might be appointed Lieutenants, and as it had been customary with me to nominate the subalterns, I promised that those Gentlemen (did I accept of a Commission) should be my Lieutenants, and had wrote to M[r] Johnson while at the Convention mentioning the names of the Gentlemen and informing him of my promises but unfortunately my letter miscarried. one of those gentlemen was a Lieutenant of mine in a late expedition against the Indians who behaved himself much to the satisfaction of my Company as well as to myself. I have come this far in consequence of a letter from M[r] Johnson, Who inclosed my commission with an intent to accept it and to return and enlist a Company of Riflemen, which I flatter myself I could have done at furthest in a week (not knowing but my letter had got safe to hand, and the Lieutenants (if appointed at all by the Convention) were the gentlemen I had mentioned, from this disappointment after my engagements I am reduced to the disagreeable necessity of betraying the confidence of my Company and

friends, or to reject the acceptance of my commission. To do either is highly distressing; but as one must be done, and it is too probable I may be much wanting in our own part of the County upon a similar occasion, I must beg you will appoint some gentlemen to command in my stead. my resignation I hope will by no one be imputed to a thirst after a more Honorable appointment than my present. I am ready and willing whenever my Countrys cause demands it, to march with my Rifle in the ranks whenever I am commanded. I am actuated solely by the reasons above assigned, nor could any thing but a breach of confidence with my friends prevent my acceptance of the appointment with which I have been Honoured.

I am Gentlemen
Your obed^{t} Servt Samuel Barrett

Monday 12 February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Commissions issued to Moses Lecompte Junr appointed first Lieutenant of Capt. Joseph Robson's Minute Company in Dorchester County in the Room of Henry Keene who resigned; and to Matthias Traverse 2^{d} Lieut of same Company.

A Letter was received [from Capt.] Joseph Robson concerning said Commissions and answered.

Ordered That a commissioned Officer & two privates of Capt William Hyde's Company guard the Records from the City of Annapolis to Mr William Brown's in London Town until they are relieved by a commissioned Officer and two Privates of the other independent Company of the City of Annapolis; and further Ordered That a commissioned Officer and two Privates

Mr Richard Ridgely was appointed assistant Clerk to the Council of Safety and qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[West to Du Vall.] Original

Woodyard Monday 12th Feby 1776

Mr Gabriel Duvall Sir.

I received your letter of the 6th by order of the Council of Safety respecting my powder and gun locks. As to the first a certificate & receipt with the other Papers were lodged some days past by my son with the Treasurer, who, as I wanted the money, was so civil as to pay it to my son, if any formality

further is necessary, I must pray the favour of the Honourable Council of Safety to grant it the Powder & lead upon producing my receipt and their order will be instantly delivered. mean time it is under the care & eye of the Committee, the quantity 575[l] powder, 1600[l] of lead & shot. As to gun locks, I was desired when I was at Annapolis to keep what I had & what cuttoe knives also. I sent up an account of both viz[t] 92 gun locks, price from 7/6 to 16/6 the avera. 13/3, which I believe you'l find among the secret committee papers. the qualities are various some plain, some S. bridle, some double, but all pretty good as those prices can afford. We have some locks hereabouts that cost 18/ stg. at London and I have seen some at 37/6 stg. those I have will I believe do pretty well. I could have sold them to better advantage to the Virginia Agents but as I suppose some time or other our people would prepare for defence and my Smiths repairing fire arms & wanting locks I kept them. I am very indifferent about selling them but if the Honourable Council of Safety desire it to have them they are at their service. I believe I may have 100. I bought most of them in the South Branch of Virginia. As to cuttoes, I have 231 as you'l see by the account My brimstone unhappily cost me more then the Publick offers. [I lost] not a moment in communicating the letter directed to T. C. S. W & W. T. W. and setting engines to work, and I believe we shall succeed but we want money to exchange—of this more hereafter. My best respects attend the Honourable Council and I am Sir,

Your very hble. servant,
Stephen West.

To M[r] Gabriel Duvall clk of the Council of Safety.

Original.

[Contee and others to Council.]

Upper Marlbro Feb[y] 12th 1776.

Gentlemen. We received yours of the second Instant with the appointment, and have immediately set about the business. We find it may be necessary to have Cash in hand to give exchange for Specie as we shall get small sums in many hands and people will prefer having the money at the time they give up their gold & Silver, this mode woul[d] save us much trouble and we presume that it wou'd forward the business. If you was to send us down fifteen hundred pounds common money immediately by some safe hand and each of us wou'd be accountable for five hundred pounds. We wish it may be in our power to collect a much larger sum in this County, If so we shall apply for more when we return the former sum in specie.

We are Gentlemen with great respect your most
Obedient Servants. Tho[s] Contee
Stephen West.
W[m] T. Wootton.

[Stricker to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town February 12th 1776.

Gentlemen. Mr Thomas Smyth my 1st Lieutenant waits on you to receive the money necessary to arm and equip my Company, the sum you will see by the enclosed estimate. I hope you will not delay sending the money as we are retarded by nothing but the want of Necessaries.

I am Gentlemen, Your most obedient Servant,
George Stricker.

[Hollingsworth to Council.] Original

To the Honourable Council of Safety. Gentlemen. On my return home I find our Commissions for this Battalion are not come to hand, which induces me to conclude they are not made out, and in the return now with you, I apprehend an adjutant is omited, I am this day desird (by Colonel Charles Rumsey who is now called from home) to recommend to your Honnours, Mr James Luker as a suitable person for adjutant for this Battalion, and to pray in his behalf, that a commission be made out for said Luker (as adjutant) to come up with the other commissions for the Battalion, with the bearers Messrs Ewing & Gilpin if convenient, as some of the Companyes are rather tickelish, the forwarding the Commissions may be of particular sarvice, permitt me in behalf of Colonl Rumsey to stile myself Gentlemen, Your most Obt & most Huml Servt

Cicil County Maryland. H. Hollingsworth Leut Colo

Head of Elk. 12th Febv 1776.

[Ewing to Council.] Original

Baltimore 12th Febv 1776.

Honble Sirs. I now acquaint you that agreeable to your orders directed to Major Gist and myself, I have prov'd all the guns made by the Gunsmiths in Town, as below, in Company with Mr Vanbibber, who has seen them several times try'd in England. Mr Keener after seeing the rest try'd refus'd to have his proved but upon my threatning him a good deal he comply'd. We charg'd all the guns with one ounce of powder and two Balls. I have a proof stamp with which I stamp'd all that prov'd good, which stamp I will not deliver to any without your orders. I have the Honour to be yr most Obedt Hble Servt

1776 Thos Ewing

Febv 7.	Peter Lydick	72 Guns	64 good.	8 Bad.
" "	Sam Missersmith	27 do.	23 do.	4 do.
" "	" Keener	32 do.	13 do.	19 do.

Original. [Hanson to Council.]

Frederick Town Feby 12th 1776

Sir. By direction of the Committee I transmitted to the last convention, an account of the expenses of conveying and guarding the powder &c sent by order of the Council of Safety to Baltimore which I am told the Convention allowed The persons employed by the Committee look to them for their money. I am therefore desired to request you will be pleased to send it up by the Bearer W. Elia. Williams. The amount you have belowe exclusive of the wages to the officer of the Guard, whose allowance was left to the Convention which I presume they settled.

I am gentlemen your most H^{be} Servt John Hanson J^{r}

3 Waggons hired at 4£ each.	12..00
6 men as a guard @ 32/6	9..15
	£21..15..0

Officer of the Guard

Original. [Neill to Carroll of Carrollton.]

Baltimore 12th Feby 1776.

Sir. Before this no doubt you have heard of ill fate of the schooner Nancy at St Eustatia, I have as yet no letters from my Capt or supercargo I daily expect to hear from them. as soon as I do shall advise you. as to the vessels being taken that account is confirmed different ways which I am sorry for. I have provided a Cargo of flour some time ago expecting the Schooner in and had no doubt of her bringing ammunition which would have got me a permission to have loaded her out on my own acco^{t} I have a good deal of money due me from St Croix a Dennish Island near to St Statia, if your honourable Council would give me liberty to send a Schooner I now have here, to that place where I have a number of Correspondence which I know to be true friends to our cause and will go any lenths to sarve us with such things as we may want I would load her with 3 or 4^{m} Red Oakstaves some flour and Indian meal and corn and send her immediately to St Croix, where my Capt with the assistance of my friends there, would get all the powder that could be got in that Island and could go over to Statia leave my vessel at St Croix, purchase such goods as I wanted order powder &c if to be got and take it to St Croix in a small craft where it might with great safety be put on board my vessel. the money that is due me there and the Cargo I would send out would I think buy near 2000£ value

of a back Cargo. so eligible is this plan to me that I have laid before you that if you give me permission I will risque it all on my own acco[t] and will give all the arms ammunition &c I may get in, the first offer of all to the Council of Safety. should you be afraid that by granting me this premition you would be troubled with many other applications it need not be known to any but that she goes on acco[t] of the province.

Sir. You will please excuse me troubling you as your the only gentleman of the Council I have the honour to be acquainted with. pray favour me with an answer by the first opp[ty] and you will much oblige Sir your

Very Humble Serv[t]
William Neill.

To the Hon[ble] Charles Carroll a member of the Council of Safety.

[Ramsey to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir.

I received your letter by the Post, and for answer inform you, that I can purchase some tow Cloth upwards of yard wide which I think for last, will be preferable to Oznaburgh, but good flax, or hemp linnen of that width, known here by the name of eight Hundred linnen; I cannot purchase under 3/ or 2/10 I am of opinion tho' that in the end it will be much cheaper than Oznab[s] Oznab[s] I apprehend cannot with any degree of Conveniency be made into Hunting Shirts, as from its narrowness two breadths will not be sufficient for any Man, and by putting in a third it will not only appear clumsey, but will in fact be as dear, as linnen upwards of yard wide would be at 3/ supposing the Oznab[s] to be had at 2/ and with respect to the wearing of the two there would be no Comparison. I intend this Day to wait upon the person who has the Woolen Cloth to sell, and if I can consistent with your directions, will bargain for it.

By the bearer M[r] Ewing you will have an opportunity of sending me any further Directions you may think proper.

I am, Sir, Most Humb[l] Ser[t]
Nat. Ramsey

Charles Town Feb[y] 12th 1776
The Honob[l] Daniel of S[t] Tho[s] Jenifer

Tuesday 13 Feb. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

And also Thomas Smyth & Thomas Bedingfield Hands Esquires who were qualified before M[r] Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

C. S. J. A Letter was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County about Sulphur and Sail duck.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Ordered That Mr Charles Wallace Paymaster of the Forces of this Province enter into Bond with sufficient security in [the sum] of four thousand pounds Currency for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

Commissions issued to Thomas Watkins appointed Capt. Thomas Noble Stockett 1 Lieut. Saml Watkins 2^d^ Lieut & William Harwood Ensign of a Company of Militia belonging to the South River Battalion of Ann Arundel County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Original. [W. Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 13 Feby 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt Charles Wells of the Pilot Boat Chatham has applied to me to be excused from taking on board the Flour which he has engaged to take in on acco^t^ of the Province, as the Gentlemen who are concerned in the adventure, are afraid it might subject the vessel to a seizure, in case a Tender should happen to meet her, either here, or going into Statia. The Flour is purchased by us & has been ever since you were here and we have been waiting every day for his order to send it down. We cannot undertake to grant the Indulgence without your directions, and he now waits on you for that purpose. If you can allow us to load the Sloop I mentioned, this Flour may be a part of her cargo, in case you permit Capt Wells to leave it out, And I shall be glad to have your answer by him.

I am most respectfully Gent^n^ Your most obed^t^ Servt

Willm Lux.

C. S. J. Wednesday 14 Feb. 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt. John Watkins two hundred Pounds for Subsist & Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt James Hindman three hundred Pounds to subsist & provide necessaries for his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 15 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Talbot County. Also a Copy of Letter N° 16 to Captains James Kent and William Henry in Virginia. And a Copy of Letter N° 17 to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to C. S. J.
Mr Robert Craig five hundred Pounds common money to be lodged in the Hands of Col. John Veazey, to be by him laid out in the Purchase of a Ton of Gunpowder.

Commission issued to Archibald Anderson appointed first Lieutenant of Capt James Hindman's independent Company of regular Troops in the Room of William Goldsborough who resigned and to Edward Hindman appointed 2d Lieutenant of said Company.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Copy of Letter N° 18 sent to Col. John Veazey.

Mr Robert Craig agreed with the Council to load the Brig Blanche with Country Produce for the Importation of Salt agreeable to a Resolution of Congress. Copy of the Agreement filed.

Adjourned till next Day.

[Council to Talbot Committee.] C. S. C. No. 15.

To the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

Gentn.

Having information that there were one or two Barrels of Bullets and a Quantity of Gun Flints belonging to this Province at Mr John Leedss in your county which were lodged there about 30 years ago; We request your Enquiry into the Matter and if you find it true that you will take them under your Care and send them to the Council of Safety in this City by the first safe Conveyance.

Feb. 14th 1776

[Council to Kent and Henry.] No. 16.

To Captains Kent and Henry of the Minute Companies in Virginia

Gentn:

The Regard and Zeal which you and the Companies under your Command have manifested in the Public Cause in so readily complying with the Resolve of the Convention and expeditiously marching to the Assistance of our friends and Neighbours of Virginia give us real Satisfaction and convince us that as the Nature of the Service requires it the same Spirit will induce you and your companies to continue in it for the Time mentioned by the Convention altho' by the terms of the Inlistment they were obliged only to serve 'till the first of March; this we assure you we sincerely wish, and it is likewise our Desire and Opinion, that you continue to keep your Men

C. S. C. in a Body 'till they return to and reach their respective Counties, to which Time they are to continue in Pay. As it may be convenient and necessary for you after your Men have been one Month in Service to draw for their Pay we hereby authorize you to do it, on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to whom we shall send Directions to pay your Orders. We are persuaded you will think with us that as you go as Auxiliaries it will be proper and necessary that you act under the Directions and Orders of the Officer of the Colony of Virginia having the Command in the Places where you shall be stationed; but in case there should not be an Officer appointed for that Purpose and there should be a Necessity for the two Companies acting together, it is then our Opinion that Captain Kent should take the command of both Companies and also of that of Dorchester County if that Company should, as we are not without Hopes it will, march down as directed. Should any thing occur to you that may be further necessary for your Companies or the Service in which they are engaged, you will be pleased to acquaint us with it as soon as you can and all proper attention shall be given to what you may desire.

Feby 14 1776

No. 17.

[Council to Hindman.]

To William Hindman Esq. Treasurer of the Eastern Shore

Sir.

We have given a Power to the Captains Kent and Henry now in Virginia, as soon as the Companies under their Command have been one Month in the service to draw for their Pay. We desire you will on their Orders being delivered to you, immediately comply with them. As it may be necessary for the Public Service to have the inclosed Letter to them delivered with all possible Dispatch, we request you will send off some trusty Person with it as soon as you can and charge the Public with the Expence of the Messenger.

Feb. 14th 1776

No. 18.

[Council to Veazey.]

To Colo John Veazey.

Sir.

In Consequence of a Letter received this Day from Mr John Thompson dated 1st Feby, the Council of Safety have determined to purchase the whole of the Gun Powder imported by Mr Nathaniel Ramsey in Partnership with a Gentleman of

Philadelphia, or if that cannot be done then so much as you can agree for, and request you would make the Contract for the Use of the Province. They have sent by Capt. Craigg £500 currency to pay for the Ton already engaged, but do not intend the whole Ton for the separate Use of your County: they will take care you shall be plentifully supplied in proportion to other Counties. You will purchase upon the most reasonable Terms. The Price we expect will not exceed £25 currency pr c^t^ unless the Committee of Philadelphia should give more: The Balance of Cash shall be immediately paid to your Order as soon as the Powder is landed or put into our Custody or Power C. S. C.

Feby 15th 1776

[Smallwood to Jenifer.] Original.

Woodyard 14th Feby 1776

Dr Sir. In my way down called on Mr West & viewed his Gun Locks, some of which are tolerable good, but not equal to the English Musket locks those at 7/6 are good at the price, & might answer the militia; at this critical time I think it wou'd be well to engage the whole, as they are a very scarce article. Knives will be much wanting in the pur- chased out of their pay or allowed by council &c he has 231 cutters w^h^ you^ll^ judge of the expediency of taking

I am with much
Regard, Sir. Your very obed^t^ Hble Servt
W. Smallwood.

To the Honble Danl of St Thos Jenifer Pres^t^ of the Council of Safety.

Thursday 15 Feb. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday except Mr Hall.

Commissions issued to Abraham Simmons appointed Capt Thomas Tongue 1 Lieutenant, Thomas Morton 2^d^ Lieutenant and Abell Hill Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County belonging to the South River Battalion.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Samuel and Robert Purviance five hundred & thirty five pounds eight Shillings for Canvas for the use of the Forces of this Province, as p^r^ Account.

Mr Robert Purviance engages with the Council of Safety to return to them the 424 yards of Canvas delivered to Mr Lux,

C. S. J. also the 165 yards delivered for the Sloop Hornet, and the 143¼ yards delivered Mr Hugh Young.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to St George Peale three pounds nine shillings being the Amount of his Expences to Marlborough to provide a House for the Reception of the Records.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Key three pounds ten shillings for chests for the said Records.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 16. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Feby, 15 1776

Gentn By a Resolve of the Convention the Committees of Observation were directed to purchase all the Sulpher they could meet with in their several Counties at a Price not exceeding 6d p pound and to have the same lodged in the Store of Messrs Lux & Bowley in Baltimore Town—we desire you will let us know what has been done in your County in Consequence of that Resolve, [as the Convention had agreed with Mr —— to take his dues for the use of this Province, and the Congress has resolved that the Committee of observation should ascertain the price, we request you will be pleased to let us know the Quantity and what it is valued at]

C. S. C. [Scott to Jenifer.]

Princess Ann Feb 15th 1775.

Sir. I am directed by the Committee of observation of this County to inform you that the independent Company raised for this county and commanded by Capt Gunby will be collected at this place on Tuesday next; and they are desirous some way shou'd be pointed out for supplying them with provisions & other necessarys. if I remember right the mode of victualling the troops is left entirely in the breast of the Council of Safety, & I presume you have taken some order in it before this time there is certainly a necessity that provisions and firewood should be immediately procured by some person or other for the several companys or the probable event will be that they will, or at least many of them, leave their place of station. If a particular person in each County should be appointed either by the Council of Safety or the contractor general I would beg leave to mention to you Mr James Geoghegan a merchant of this Town both willing & capable

of executing the business. I beg some immediate order may be taken in this matter & am for the committee c. s. c.

Sir, Your mo. ob. Servt Gust^{v} Scott.

To Danl St Thos Jenifer Esqr

Friday 16 Feb. 1776. c. s. j.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr. Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Wm Brown eight Pounds one Shilling and two Pence being the Expence of guarding the Records at his House.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt Francis Speake of the Ship John.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Jenifer & Hooe One hundred and nine Pounds twelve shillings & three pence being the Ballance of their Account with the Province as p^{r} Account filed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs John Archer & James Harris or their Order three hundred Pounds to enable them to carry on their Linnen Manufactory in Harford County.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds two Pounds fifteen Shillings and six Pence for three cord of Wood for the use of the Council.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Commission issued to Thomas Woolford appointed Captain of the sixth independent Company of regular Forces in the Room of Lemuel Barrett who resigned, and to John Eccleston 1 L^{t} and Hooper Hudson 2^{d} Lieut. of said Company.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Patrick Ewing Eighty Pounds on Account of Capt. Nathl Ramsey's Company.

The Council this Day agreed with Mr Robert Cummins as Contractor for the Rations to be supplied the Battalion and Matross and independent Companies raised by this Province at and for the Sum of eight Pence three Farthings common Currency in Bills of Credit issued by the Convention of this Province, each Ration. And further that in Case of the Removal of any Magazine of Provisions from any particular place where the said Troops or any part of them may happen to be stationed, the Council of Safety agree to have the same removed at the Risque and Expence of the public, as well as all Carriage by Land from the Shore. And also agree to advance the Sum of four thousand pounds within a Month from the Date hereof and one thousand five hundred pounds within two weeks from the Expiration of the said Month, to

C. S. J. said Contractor against any extraordinary Expence, Loss of Provisions that may happen from Seizure or Destruction by the Enemy, unless it should be occasioned by the negligence or Carelessness of the said Contractor, and to settle Accounts monthly.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Original. [Alexander to Council.]

Gen^{t} I send you inclosed Copies of the Instructions & private Signals of the several Men of War & Transports on the American Station. as these may be of essential Service to the different armed Vessels now fitting out in America, Copies by order of Congress have been transmitted to the different Colonies, and I am ordered by Congress to acquaint you, that as they have bound themselves to Secrecy, so it is expected that you will consider yourselves under the like Tie, and the Copy you deliver to the Capt of your armed Vessel, be under Seal inclosed, to be opened after his sailing.

The public Papers will communicate all the Intelligence We have, except the arrival of 20 Tons of Powder and 3000 Stand of small arms in Connecticut. we shall send forward some Powder & arms to your Province but I am sorry to say if we rely on foreign arms & they are not better than the sample we have, our dependance will be like a broken reed, as I think if used, they will kill more of our Troops than the Enemy, what those imported for our Province cost I know not a parcel imported here on a private Adventure, have been purchased by Congress at £3. 25, every thing of this kind is exceeding high powder £17. 10 p C^{t} much of this Business passes through a Committee of which I am a Member. Patriotism sinks before private Interest, and I find many men here who rank themselves in that Class, generally exact^{g} the most from the necessity of their Country hence the Publick is plundered. We have sent off 10 6 pounders for the Ship, & shall purchase 2 more. Congress have appointed a Deligation to Canada, the persons are Doct^{r} Franklin, S. Chase & Mr Carroll of Carrollton. I wish you would erect a Powder Mill in your Province, I could procure you salt petre. Y^{r} Le^{ts} of the 1. 8. 9 & 10 Ins^{t} are come to hand & the Contents shall be observed. I am with Respect Gen^{t} y^{r} Hble. Servt

Phil^{a} 16 Feby 1776. R. Alexander.

C. S. C. [Admiralty Circular.]

Treasury Chamber Oct 19th 1775

Sir. Herewith you will receive directions for proper signals to enable you to know any of his Majestys vessels belonging

to the squadron in America which you may happen to fall in with on the coast of America. You are to take care to keep such signals as private as possible and when you quit his majestys service as a store ship or transport; you are to deliver up the paper directing the signals to the admiral or commander in chief of the fleet in America. proper orders are sent to his majestys ships on that station, and by a strict observance of these rules you will perfectly distinguish your friends from any foes. You are take care not to go into Boston or any other port in America until you shall meet with some of his majestys ships who can conduct you in, direct you to the place where the Army is, and assure you that it is a port of Safety. C. S. C.

I am sir your most obedient humble Servant
John Robinson

(Copy)

Private signals for knowing each other, to be observed by the ships and vessels under the command of the admiral commanding in chief in America:

By Day. The ship to Windward shall lower down her Foretopsail, which the ship to Leeward shall answer by lowering down the maintopsail. Then the ship to Windward shall hoist an english Jack at her maintopmast head which the ship to Leeward shall answer by hoisting an English Jack at her foretopmast head. Then both ships shall hoist their proper colours.

By Night. The ship to Windward shall hoist four lights where they can be best seen one over the other. The ship to Leeward to hoist four lights abreast of each other where they can be best seen. Then the ship to Windward to burn one false fire, and the other to burn two. These signals to be kept as private as possible.

Php. Stephens admy office 22 Septr 1775 (Copy)

[Beatty & Johnson to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town Febv 16th 1776

Gentlemen. By a resolve of the late convention, there is to be sums of money transmitted to the Committees of observation in the respective Counties to defray the expenses of the several minute Companies, Capt Strickers demands by a special order of the Convention are discharged. Capt Youngs and Capt Goods remain otherwise. some of the men in those companies are anxious to have what is due, and we believe the captains have an uneasy time of it if business will admit you to attend to this matter, and you will have the money sent up

soon, we think it will be productive of good consequences. Capt Good has been here several times expecting you had ordered the money to be transmitted.

We are gen^{t} y^{r} obed^{t} Serv^{ts}
C. Beatty. B. Johnson.

Original. [Beall to Council.]

Gentlemen. As there are not muskets provided for the Militia & their guns being of different sizes, & as I think it necessary we should be put in readiness to make the best defence we possibly can, I pray your Hon^{s} would order that out of the stock at Bladensburgh there may be ½ ^{lb} powder & 3 ^{lb} Lead lodged in my hands for each of the Com^{y} which I will see forthcoming when called for.

I am Gentlemen y^{r} mo^{t} obed^{t} Hble Servt
Feby 16th 1776. Andrew Beall

C. S. J. Saturday 17 February 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Carroll.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Charles Wallace fifteen hundred pounds, and that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay him five hundred pounds to be applied occasionally towards discharging the Pay of the Forces of this Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Peter Adams two hundred Pounds for Subsist & Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt Thomas Woolford One hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes mentioned in the above Order.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt George Stricker four hundred and thirty two Pounds sixteen Shillings for subsist money and to purchase Rifles for the use of his Company of Light Infantry.

Mr Nicholas Harwood one of the Clerks of the Loan Office delivered to the Council a Copy of the names of the principals and Securities and also the Sums due on Bond, in Sterling, in the Loan Office, which was ordered to be filed.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Bullen sixteen pounds for carting the Records.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'Clock.

[Purviance to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Feb: 17th 1776.

Gentlemen. In pursuance of your orders to mount the Cannon fit for use at this place, We have engaged a number of Workmen in making wheels & Carriages for the purpose, it being the general opinion of all who have a knowledge of such matters that it is best to mount them as Field Peices, which purpose the guns now here will be very suitable for as they are all light, say, 2, 3 and 4 pounders to the amot of 20 Pieces besides 6 of 9 Pds & 2 of 12 Pds belonging to Capt Stone We had the whole of the guns examined by Mr Geo. Mathews who has pronounced them good. The Commee have directed me to apply to you for orders to provide a parcel of Shot suitable to the guns. Mr Danl Hughes is very anxious to have some person appointed to go to Antitem to prove the guns which his brother has cast. I apprehend Capt Fulford is the best qualified to do it of any person here, it may be of consequence how soon it is done, as those if they stand Proof, might be speedily got down here, We have ab 50 hands at work on a battery since tuesday at Whetstone, and near 200 more employed in providing timber, Logs, Smiths work &c for the Boom. I hope we shall have part of our Battery ready to mount some guns before the end of next week, Mr Alexander writes me that Mr Morris had promised our delegates part of some Powder wh was arrived at Philada & which they wd immediately forward to this Town.

I am with much respect Gentlemen

Your most hble Servt Saml Purviance Junr

[Veazey and Thompson to Council.] Original.

Cecil County 17th Feby. 1776

Gentn

We are told you purpose raising at the Request of the Congress a Second Battalion in this Province, Should that be the case, we beg leave to recommend Mr John Ward, son of John Ward Senr to your notice as an officer in the Battalion, we think him well Quallified for that Purpose, he is a young man of very respectable Parents of an Exceeding good Character is well attached to the Cause, and has behaved himself well as an officer in the Militia. We are

Gentlemen, your very obedient Serts

John Veazey Junr

Jno. D. Thompson

Original. [Craufurd to Council.]

Upper Marlbro Sunday the 18th Febʸ 1776. 1 oClock

Gentlemen. I have this moment received the Inclosᵈ letters from Mʳ West and in consequence thereof have hired an express to carry them to you, our Committee of Correspondence could not be collected to day, and I thought it highly necessary to forward the dispatches as quick as possible, the messenger is to have thirty shillings.

I am gentlemen your most obedᵗ Servᵗ
David Craufurd

Original. [Courtenay to Barrister Carroll.]

Sir. Mʳ Spear shewed me a note which Mʳ Purviance brought him from The Council of Safety; Whereby its probable you may have occasion to see Capᵗ Martin, therefore have given him orders to waite on the council of Safety with Mʳ Spears Captain, should you have occasion to employ the Brig Friendship Capᵗ Martin back here with such returns as you may have ordered, I shall have no sort of objection, providing you insure her at one thousand pounds, this money, and allow a sufficient Freight for such goods as she may bring back; Tho Captain Stone intended she shᵈ bring some property of his lying in the West Indies invested in salt rum &c. with her freight money out; The vessel is a prime sailor & has a Bermuda Register, & manned with negroes save the Capᵗ & mate which may probable be a cloak for her against the late resolution of the Parliament to seize all American vessels. I am satisfied you cannot employ a vessel more fitting then, the Friendship & sᵈ you determine on this Capᵗ Martin will take your orders respectᵍ the Homeward voyage, & I shall be glad in such case that you will please write me a few lines in conformity to the above proposal; as I am acting only as an Agent, for Capᵗ Stone and am With all respect. Sir your most obedᵗ humˡ Servᵗ

Baltᵒ 18th February 1776. Herˢ Courtenay.

To Charles Carroll Esqʳ Barrister.

Original. [Sims to Council.]

Prince Georges County Febʸ 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. During the setting of the last Convention, the officers of the several Company's belonging to the Eleventh Battalion of this Province, were appointed, except the Nottingham Company, which could not then be done for want of a choice being made by the people, since that, and very lately,

the people have had a meeting for that purpose & have made choice of the following Gentlemen vizt Fielder Bowie Esqr Captain, Messrs Robert Bowie first Lieutenant, William Newman Dorsett second Lieutenant, and George Gant Ensign. As its necessary their Commissions should immediately issue, I am desired by the Company to apply for them, & a messenger is sent on purpose I must therefore request you will direct your Clerk to fill up the Commissions with the names of the above Gentlemen and inclose them to me by the return of this express who will wait for that purpose. I am Gen^{t} with great regard

Your most ob^{t} hum^{ble} Ser^{t} Joseph Sims.

Monday 19 Feb. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday except Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Crackells thirty Shillings for riding Express from Marlborough to this City.

A Copy of Letter N° 18 was sent to the Committee of Safety in Philadelphia.

Ordered That the paymaster of the Forces of this Province pay to Lieutenant Thomas Goldsmith fifteen pounds on Account of Captain Fulford's Artillery Company.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

A Copy of Letter N° 19 was sent to Gustavus Scott Esquire of Somerset County.

Ordered that the paymaster pay to Capt. Barton Lucas One hundred Pounds on Account of his Company.

Ordered That John Youst deliver unto Capt. Barton Lucas (for training his men) or his Order all the Muskets &c. which he has made for the use of this Province, and have been proved by Messrs Richard Thompson & Thomas Richardson, and transmit an Account of the number he shall deliver, to the Council of Safety.

Ordered that a Letter be sent to the several Supervisors of Saltpetre works in this Province, respectively in the following Words, to wit

Sir,

The Committee of Safety for the City of Philadelphia have been kind enough to offer the Council of Safety that the Managers of their public Saltpetre works should instruct any Persons that we might recommend to them for that Purpose.

C. S. J. Therefore should you find any Difficulty arise in the Management of the Works under your Care, you may (if you think proper) apply to their Managers for such Instructions as you may want.

The Council of Safety is very desirous of knowing what Forwardness the Works under your management are in, and request you would from Time to Time communicate to them what Quantity of crude Nitre you expect to furnish the public with.

Adjourned till next Day half after 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 18.

[Council to Philadelphia Committee.]

To the Committee of Safety of Philadelphia.

Gentn:

By Order of the last Convention a sum of Money was appropriated for the erecting a Manufactory of Salt Petre in every County of this Province and Supervisors in each County were appointed to carry the same into Execution.

It was also earnestly recommended to the People to manufacture crude Nitre in their private Families and an ample Price was directed to be paid them for what they should make and deliver to each Supervisor.

We are not insensible of the natural Advantages we possess for manufacturing that necessary Article and have some Men skilful in promoting it residing among us, but are nevertheless greatly indebted to you for your kind and obliging Offer of instructing such Persons of our Province as may be thought necessary at your Public Works—An offer that may be of great Service to our Supervisors living distant from the Residence of our Men of Skill, to whom we shall communicate the same and press them to accept it.

Feby. 16 1776

No. 19.

[Council to Scott.]

To Gustavus Scott Esqr

Sir.

The Council of Safety have stipulated and agreed with a Contractor for supplying the regular Forces of this Province with Provisions, but as some Time must be given to provide the several Articles which compose a Ration and it cannot reasonably be expected he will be able to furnish them earlier than the 10th of next Month. the Troops must be subsisted on the 7/6 p^{r} Week allowed for that Purpose in the Instructions enlisting them.

The Captains of Independent Companies agreeable to a

Resolve of the last Convention are to provide Houses for their respective Companies and such Sums of Money are to be advanced out of the Treasury of that Shore where the Company may be stationed by Permission of the Council of Safety, as may be necessary for the Purpose. Capt. Gunby will therefore procure Houses for his Men upon the best Terms he can, and advise us thereof that we may give him an Order for the Money on the Eastern Shore Treasurer if it should be necessary to advance any: but as it will be expedient the Station of that Company should be first ascertained, and as we are not so well acquainted with your County as to determine satisfactorily to ourselves and most advantageously to you upon a particular Place where it might reasonably be expected the Troops would render the greatest Service, so we should be glad if the Committee of Observation would take the Matter into Consideration and give us their sentiments upon it, and as in all Probability we shall approve of the Station recommended by them we would have the Captain engage proper and necessary Houses there immediately. C. S. C.

As Bedding is an extreme scarce Article, where we have had an Opportunity we have preferred the Captains of the several Companies to endeavour to furnish their Men with new Blankets, but where they were not to be had, with such as could be got in the Neighbourhood, tho' a little worn, upon reasonable Terms, the new not exceeding 15/ or the others 12/6. If Capt Gunby's men are yet unprovided we would have him adopt that Method as the best under our Circumstances & will answer his Drafts for them.

It is very ambiguous from any Thing that appears in the Proceedings of the Convention who are to find fuel for the Troops, and as we conceive the Captains respectively can most advantageously provide that necessary Article so we request Capt Gunby will take the direction of that Matter for his Company and occasionally advise us of the Expense that it may be properly defrayed.

We have confidence in your Recommendation of Mr James Geoghagan and therefore shall be obliged to him to supply the Company with Provisions until the Contractor (to whose notice we will recommend him) can do it.

17th Feb^{y}, 1776

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Mount Clare Feby 19th 1776

Gen^{t} I had this morning some conversation with Dr. Weesenthal, and inclosed I send you what he wrote me in consequence of it. I do not recollect that we have any Power on removal of the troops to increase his saleary. The drugs

C. S. C. are he tells me valued at £150 pC[t] on the first cost. I mentioned to him that as he might have occasion for some assistants & there were many young gentlemen that offered themselves. We expected he would examine them, & pitch on such as he thought best qualified, W[h] he agreed to do, I think therefore that it may not be improper to send him the names of such as stand on the list. as we have some men in Annapolis that were taken by Col[o] Smallwood & Cap[t] Thomas for the Annapolis Artillery Company I thought it would be necessary they should have some officer of that Company to overlook them, & spoke to Capt[n] Fullford to go to Annapolis as soon as he Possibly could or to send his second Lieutenant M[r] Nassenbaugh as it was not convenient to Cap[t] Fullford to go immediately. he told me he would send that gentleman, M[r] Harrison has since been with me & from him I understand that the gentlemen of the Committee of Balt[o] Town find that gentleman very necessary to them in erecting their fortification, & would be extremely glad his attendance at Annapolis could be for some time dispensed with. I know of no expedient we can fall upon to spare him to them for any time, but by directly appointing the third Lieutenant for the Annapolis Company, as some officer will certainly be wanting to take care of the men now in the City; Pray let me know your determination on this head, and I will immediately acquaint the gentlemen with it. I have consented that M[r] Nassenbaugh should stay at Balt Town till I hear from you.

I am Respectfully Gen[t] y[r] most obed[t] Hble. Serv[t]
Cha[s] Carroll.

Original. [Smith to Council.]

Gentlemen. I now send you inclosed an enrollment, of my Company, with a coppy, which hope will be satisfactory to you. I have got one carriage compleated & expect there will be four more this week. I am now obliged to draw on you in favour of M[r] William Woolsey for £172.10.0 which make no doubt will be duly honor'd. I shall be obliged to draw on you again this week or go to Annapolis myself as the most of my men will want their pay in a few days.

I am gentlemen your mo. Hble Serv[t]
19th Febru[y] 1776. Nath[l] Smith.

Original. [Queen Anne's County Committee to Council.]

In Committee of Correspondence. Queen Anns County 19th Feb[y] 1776.

May it please your Honors. The Minute Company of this County consisting of eighty men marched the third instant,

and by letters from Captain Kent the Commander, dated Snow Hill 9th Febr 1776 is the following, "I was always flattered that our orders and ammunition were lodged here but find there is neither. The C–v–n have so managed matters as to distress me exceedingly. We find there is no provision made for Camp Equipage such as cooking utensils &c. That no person is authorized to pay the men their wages, nor any provision made for getting back when relieved which the Convention recommend to be at the end of eight weeks after our encampment, not considering that these men enrolled only till the first day of March. I believe a request or recommendation from the Convention to stay eight weeks wou'd be agreeable provided proper accommodations were procured, but when ordered to stay six weeks longer than they enrolled for is looked upon as a stretch of Power, and taking from us what we are contending for, Liberty.

It is reckoned to be from 100 to 110 miles from Hansons to this place and we are told it is about 80 miles further to Northampton Court House, near which it is imagined we shall encamp.

I have seen Mr Probart our Commissary who has nothing to do for us only to procure the Provisions agreeable to a Bill of Fare made out for the troops by the Congress or Convention. Utensils for cooking &c we must find or go without. This expence will be too heavy for me as I expect one hundred pounds will not carry us down. Many of the poor young men are bare footed and I am obliged to advance the money or leave them behind. I have also paid 5 or 6£ for repairs to our Firelocks such as were absolutely necessary. We hope the necessary steps will be taken to relieve our brave country men from their difficulties and as speedily too as it can possibly be done.

We are yr obedt humble Servts Turbutt Wright.
Th. Wright Sol Wright

Tuesday 20 Feb. 1776. C. S.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Spear One hundred and sixty eight pounds twelve Shillings and two pence, being the Ballance of his Account with the province, as pr Account filed.

Commission issued to Felix Lewis Massenbach appointed 2 Lieutenant of Capt. Fulford's Company of Matrosses.

Also to Fielder Bowie appointed Capt. of a Company of Militia in Prince George's County belonging to the 11th Battalion.

C. S. J. Letter received from Col. Sim of Prince George's County and answered (vid N° 20)

Ordered That the Paymaster pay unto Lieutenant Bennett Bracco one hundred Pounds on Account of Capt. Rezin Beall's Company.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Capt. Nathaniel Smith sent to the Council of Safety a Copy of the Enrolment of his Company which was examined with the Original and ordered to be filed.

Ordered That Capt. John Fulford be appointed to prove the Cannon to be furnished by Messrs Samuel and Daniel Hughes for the use of the Province, and that the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County furnish him with Powder sufficient for that Purpose.

A Copy of the above Order was sent to Capt. Fulford inclosed in a Letter requesting him to comply therewith. (vid: N° 21)

A Copy of Letter N° 22 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 20.

[Council to Sim.]

To Colonel Joseph Sim

Sir.

Upon inspecting the Return made by the Prince George's County Committee of the Nottingham Company, we find that Mr Fielder Bowie hath been elected first Lieutenant, Mr William Newman Dorsett second Lieutenant and Mr Thomas Hoye Ensign thereof.

In the line of Preferment generally adopted in the Military Department, on the promotion of the Captain the first Lieutenant succeeds him and the other commissioned Officers in like Manner, by which means the nomination of a new Ensign alone will become necessary.

The Council have thought it most expedient to follow this Mode, but look upon themselves at full Liberty to deviate therefrom on special and good Reasons. It does not appear to them from your Letter or otherwise that the Gentlemen, the Company wish not to be promoted, have done any Act to forfeit the good Opinion of their Country or that they are in any manner disqualified.

We have sent Capt. Bowie's Commission, but keep back the Commissions for the other Officers' till we have your Reasons or that of the Company for departing from the Line of Preferment.

20th Feby. 1776.

[Council to Fulford.] C. S. C. No. 21.

To Captain Fulford.

Sir:

From an Opinion of your Knowledge of Cannon we have thought proper to appoint you to prove those to be supplied this Province by Mess. Sam[l] & Dan[l] Hughes and request you will immediately repair for that Purpose to their works at Antietam We inclose you an Order on the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County for what Powder may be wanting and will defray any Expence you may necessarily incur in that Service. The Commission for M[r] Massenbach to be your second Lieutenant you will please to deliver him and give him proper Instructions how to act with regard to the Company of Mattrosses during your Absence.

21st Feby. 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 22.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Gentlemen.

The repeated Instances you have given of your Readiness to co-operate with us in such Measures as we have thought conducive to the Interest and Security of this Province under our present unhappy Circumstances have proved very acceptable and the Information communicated by M[r] Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r] by your Order that you will assist in providing Shott suitable for the Cannon for which we have the pleasure to hear you have engaged a Number of Workmen in making Wheels and Carriages agreeable to our Requisition when at Baltimore affords us real Satisfaction. Confiding in your Zeal and Diligence we request you will immediately employ some able and skillful Person in supplying a sufficient Quantity of Ball proper for those Guns and as we are advised some of the Shott furnished the Ship Defence are not round, that you will be particularly attentive to the casting of them and receive none but what are truly formed and fit for Service.

We have not yet been wrote to by M[r] Hughes for a Proof-Master to try the Cannon he agreed with the last Convention to furnish for the Use of this Province or had any satisfactory Information in what Forwardness they are; however as we are anxious to expedite this Business & presume M[r] Hughes must have run some of them by this Time we have appointed Capt. Fullford to prove them, and have wrote him upon the Subject; and from a Wish to have every thing in readiness against the Guns are brought down we desire you will immediately con-

C. S. C. tract for fit and proper Carriages for them to be supplied as expeditiously as they can.

22 Feby. 1776

[Mackall and others to Council.]

Calvert County Feby 20th 1776.

Gents. We have received yours of the 2^{d} Instant inclosing a resolve of Congress and an order by the Council of Safety appointing us to collect all the gold & silver in this county. We have received and engaged £700 Currency, and expect in the course of another week to procure about two or three hundred pounds more. Much more might have been collected, had the paper Currency been sent down to give in exchange. We hope you will inform us when you would have the gold and silver brought to Annapolis. Continental money is asked in exchange for most of the Cash we have collected or engaged.

We are Gen^{t} your most hble Ser^{ts} Benj: Mackall 4th
Alex. Somervell Pat. S. Smith.

Original. [Bracco to Council.]

Gentlemen. I am requested by Capt Beall to apply to the Council of Safety for one hundred pounds for the use of his Company.

Feby 20th 1776. B. Bracco.

Original. [Mantz to DuVall.]

Frederick Town 20th Feby 1776.

Sir. I Rec^{d} yours of the 15th In^{s} by which it appears that I was appointed Quarter Master of the Battalion of Troops to be raised in this province, and desire to know of my exceptance, but being apprehensive that I had not as much influence in the house as to be a commitioned officer, I am willing to give up the quarter mastership to some one that may be more suitable than me, and will rest at my displeasure.

I am sir your
Hb^{l} Ser^{t} Peter Mantz.

To Mr Geo Duvall clk of the Council of Safety.

Original. [Barnes to Council.]

Leo^{d} Town the 20th Feby 1776.

Gent^{n} I rec^{d} yours by Post appointing Col^{o} Plater Mr Briscoe & self to collect all the gold and silver coin that can be

procured in the Cot^{y} On consideration find it impracticable to be done unless we had money in hand to exchange as it must be collected in small quantitys, and even in that case its probable no great sum can be obtained, however my endeavours shall not be wanting to procure it.

I remain Gent^{n} your most ob^{t} Serv^{ts}
Richd Barnes.

Wednesday 21 Feb. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer be directed to exchange the Bills of Credit of this Province for any Sum in Gold or Silver Coin that may be lodged with them by the several Persons appointed to collect the same to comply with the Resolve of Congress.

Copies of Letter N° 23 was sent to the Committees of Observation for Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot and Calvert Counties respectively.

Mr Tilghman has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Committees.] C. S. C. No. 23.

To the Committees of Observation (where only fifty men are stationed).

Gent^{n}:

We perceive by the Proceedings of the Convention that one half of Capt Rezin Beall's Company are to be stationed in your County, we understand the Officers of that Company are drawing their men together, and are desirous of knowing where they are to be stationed so as to answer the Purpose intended. We know not where proper Houses can be got in your County and therefore request you would make Enquiry and let us know your Sentiments, where the Men ought to be stationed, and whether convenient Houses can be got for them.

(And the follg. Letter was sent to the several Committees of Observation for those Counties where whole Independent Companies were stationed.)

Gent^{n} Agreeable to the Resolves of the last Convention an Independent Company is to be stationed at such Place in your County as the Council of Safety may think proper, but as we are not so well acquainted with your County as to deter-

C. S. C. mine where they may be most Conveniently posted, we shall be glad the Committee of Observation would take the Matter under Consideration and give us their Sentiments of the Place which may best answer the intended Purpose

23 Feby, 1776

Original. [Young to Council.]

Gentlemen. Finding by the resolves of last convention that Commissioned officers of Minute men are excused from appearing among the Militia in a lower station I take the liberty of applying to you for the following commissions for myself & my inferior officers, that we may convince even the most prejudiced that we are justly entitled to the above indulgence.

I am with much respect Gentlemen your very humⁱ Serᵗ

Jacob Young.

Fredᵏ Town 21 Febʸ 1776. Jacob Young Captain, Peter Grosh 1ˢᵗ Lieutenant Archᵈ Boyd 2ᵈ Rezin Davis Ensign.

C. S. J. Thursday 22ᵈ Feb. 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday except Mʳ Tilghman and Mʳ Hall.

Commissions issued to James Tootell appointed Captain Philemon Warfield 1 Lieut. Lancelot Warfield 2 Lieut. & Thomas Warfield Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Also to George Watts appointed Captain, David Kerr 1 Lieut. Joseph Maccubbin, 2ᵈ Lieut & Joshua Cromwell Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Henry Hall appointed Capt. John Worthington (son of Brice) 1 Lieut. Nicholas Worthington Junʳ 2ᵈ Lieut. & Gilbert Yieldhall Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Absalom Anderson appointed Ensign of Capt. Thomas Mullikin's Company in said County, all belonging to the Severn Battalion.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mʳ Robert Cummins four thousand pounds within a Month from the 16th Inst.

In Consequence of the Resolve of the honorable Convention made at Annapolis, 18 January last.

Ordered That the Records of Ann Arundel County Court be removed to morrow morning, if fair, if not, the first fair Day, from the City of Annapolis to Mʳ Rezin Gaither's House

in said County, and there committed to the Care of one of the Clerks of Mr John Brice. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 24 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] C. S. C. No. 24.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gent^n^:

We some time since informed you that we had appointed a Number of Persons in each County of the Province to collect all the Gold and Silver Coin that can be got.

Within this Week or ten Days we have had Application from several of those who were appointed to furnish them with Cash to exchange, without which they tell us many People will not part with the Gold and Silver. We would willingly supply Provincial Money, but the State of our Treasury prevents us. the Demands are very considerable for raising, cloathing and paying the Troops, and furnishing Rations, to say nothing of other Disbursements. If you do not send us down the Plates and Paper soon the Treasury will be totally exhausted. therefore we take the Liberty again to remind you of forwarding them to us. With Regard to Gold and Silver we think something handsome might be collected but cannot say how much. Should the Congress approve of sending down Continental Money we will engage to return Gold and Silver for whatever they may send not exceeding £8.000 or to return the Money again, without this we apprehend Gold and Silver cannot be procured in any considerable Quantity until the new Emission of our Money, when we can supply the Collectors with Cash. We lay the Affair truly before you and must leave it to yourselves to move the Congress, or not as you may think best. We wish to hear from you on every important Occasion and are much obliged to Mr Alexander for the Intelligence he hath been so kind as to communicate to us from Time to Time. Our Troops are drawing together very fast, we should be glad to have the Arms intended for this Province as soon as possible that we may distribute them. The Manufacture of Guns goes on but slowly amongst us from the best information we can get. Pray purchase for the Use of the Province 50 Ream of Cartridge Paper and send to us by the first Opportunity. We will remit the money as soon as we are furnished with the Cost of it.

24th Feby 1776

Original. [Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gent[n] The inclosed was sent to my House at Annapolis and by my Clerk sent me up here. M[r] Hughes by what he has heard supposes there may be 20 Nine Pounders cast by this time, tho he has not since we saw him at Balt[o] Town received any letters from his Brother. there will be he tells me 1080 w[t] of Powder wanting to try them all, 180 w[t] for the 20 Nine Pounders, and 900 for the 50 Eighteen Pounders at the weight of the ball in Powder for each Gun. this I suppose must be ordered from Frederick Town, however you will consider whether it may be necessary to send the powder for the Eighteen Pounders till all or some of them at least be cast. You will observe what he says about the kinds of Powder. I suppose that sent from Annap[s] to Frederick was proper for Cannon, if not I do not know that we have any, the only method then we can fall upon must be to diminish the quantity in proportion to the strength, this I collected from him was what he desired. I really do not know any person of experience & knowledge that we could appoint to attend the proving of them and trying of their Bores to find whether they were clear of material flaws. Major Price if he be with you, perhaps may be able to inform you of one. M[r] Hughes mentioned M[r] Steel & M[r] Baird, if they understand it and will be pleased to undertake it I am sure I shall not have the least objection to them. M[r] Cummings waits on you with his bond he has made some alterations if you agree to them I shall have no objection.

I am Gen[t] y[r] most obedient Hble Serv[t]
Mount Clare Feb[y] 22[d] 1776. Charles Carroll

C. S. J. Friday 23[d] February 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except M[r] Jenifer, who was desired by the Council to attend M[r] Johnson on public Business at Baltimore Town. M[r] Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] Elie Vallette nine pounds six shillings, being the Expence of removing the Records of the Commissary's Office.

Mess[rs] John Shaw and Archibald Chisholm agreed with the Council of Safety to stock the Gun Barrels made by M[r] Isaac Harris for the use of this Province at the price the same are done in Philadelphia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore deliver to Mess[rs] John Shaw & Archibald Chisholm 50 of the Gun Barrels left with him by M[r] Isaac Harris to be stocked by said Shaw & Chisholm, and take their Receipt for the same.

Ordered That Major Thomas Tillard deliver to Mr Isaac Harris three Barrels of Gunpowder belonging to this Province to be by him brought under a Guard to the City of Annapolis and their delivered to the Council of Safety, or to their Order, C. S. J.

That the said Isaac Harris be empowered to hire a Cart and one or more Horses as also to employ two persons to assist him in bringing said three Barrels of Gunpowder from Pig point to Annapolis, and to be a Guard on the same.

That Col. John Hall be and is hereby appointed to receive the Gunpowder from Isaac Harris, and that he take Care the same be stored in some safe place in the City of Annapolis, and that the said John Hall deliver out or cause to be delivered out to Isaac Harris so much of the said Gunpowder as may be necessary for proving the Musquets now made or making by him.

That Isaac Harris call on Mr Stephen West and request him to send up to the Council of Safety by said Harris all the Gunlocks & Cutteau Knives now in his Possession heretofore agreed for by Col. Smallwood.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Barnes to Council.] Original.

Leo^d^ Town 23^d^ Feby 1776.

Gent^n^ Agreeable to the directions of our Committee I send you by Lieu^t^ Neale seven gun locks which are all we have belonging to the Public I have also sent you some gold which be kind enough to give him paper money for Philip rec^d^ second Lieutenant in the Leo^d^ Town Company of Militia, has desired leave to resign his Commission, as being very inconvenient for him to attend should therefore be glad you would appoint Bennet Combs in his place (who is ensign in the Company) and James Williams ensign, the Company belongs to the 21st Batt^n^ of Militia. If agreeable send the commissions by Mr Neale. We have rec^d^ no powder as yet from Charles Co^ty^

I remain Gen^t^ your

Hb^le^ Servt Richd Barnes.

Saturday 24 Feb. 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Cullen twenty nine Pounds twelve shillings and two pence for 1275 lbs Sulphur.

A Letter was received from Col. George Dashiell and answered (vid N° 25)

C. S. J. A Letter was received from the Committee of Correspondence for Queen Anne's County, and answered (vid. N° 26). And a Copy of Letter N° 27 sent to Col. Peter Waters of Somerset County.

Commissions issued to Planner Williams Captain, Benjamin Schoolfield, 1 Lieut, Ebenezer Finley 2d Lieut. & Thomas Williams Ensign of a Company of Militia in Somerset County.

Also to William Fountain Captain, Daniel Maddux, 1 Lieut, Stoughlin Maddux 2d Lieut. and Collin Fountain Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County, both belonging to the 17th Battalion.

A Letter was received from Captain James Hindman and answered (vid N° 28.)

Mr Hall has Leave of Absence.

Councils adjourns to Baltimore Town till Monday next

C. S. C. No. 25.

[Council to Dashiell.]

To Col° George Dashiell.

Sir:

We received yours of the 10th Instant inclosing a List of Officers for Capt Wales's Company who you say has resigned: this may be the case but the Council of Safety think it not regular to issue new Commissions until the old ones are transmitted to us and therefore have not sent them. We have before us also a Petition from the Eden School Company for a change of Officers, their Capt Andrew Adams, they allege had a Commission made out by the Convention surreptitiously and fraudulently: this we think ought most properly to be referred to the Convention themselves which will meet again in April and all parties will then have an opportunity of being heard. We cannot think of displacing Officers appointed by the Convention without a full Hearing and we recommend an Application to them as most proper under all Circumstances and are

24 Febry, 1776

No. 26.

[Council to Queen Anne's Co. Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County

Gentn

We have received your Letter respecting the Minute Company under the command of Capt. Kent and are much obliged to you for communicating to us the Contents of his Letter.

We conceived some time ago that it might be advisable to

write to Capt. Kent on the principal Subjects he has mentioned in his Letter and have accordingly wrote, and are in great hopes he will thereby receive every Satisfaction we have it in our Power to afford. C. S. C.

24 Feby, 1776

[Council to Waters.] No. 27.

To Col° Peter Waters

Sir.

Inclosed we send you the Commissions for two Companies of Militia agreeable to the Inrollments sent us. we have not sent any Commission for Capt. McClister or his Officers because there are no more than fifty Persons enrolled non-commissioned Officers and Privates included which is not sufficient without the Inrollment be made by the special Permission of the Committee of Observation. You will send us that Permission and the commission shall be transmitted you.

25 Feby, 1776

[Council to Hindman.] No. 28.

To Captain James Hindman.

Sir.

We have received yours of the 21. Instant signifying Mr Edmondson's refusing to accept of his Commission.

The Council do not incline to make any Changes among the Officers commissioned by the Convention, but wish to have a Recommendation from you of a proper Person to fill the Place of Mr Edmondson. We have agreed with some of the Officers to allow 20/. for each Pair of Leather Breeches fur nished the Troops and the Remainder of the Price to be deducted out of the Men's Wages.

The Council apprehend the Captains of the Independent Companies are to provide Cloathing for their Men and have agreed to allow Capt A. Thomas a Sum not exceeding £3..5 each Suit, and hope you will be able to cloath your Men at that Price. We think the Price of the Hatts ought not to exceed 5/6 each Hatt, but cheaper if to be got, as to Blankets they will be provided as soon as possible. If you can purchase Oznabrigs for making Hunting Shirts at 2/ p^r^ yard we recommend it to you to get as much as will be sufficient for your Company and have them made up as soon as you can.

26 Feby, 1776

Original. [Thomas to Council.]

Leonard Town 24th Febr 1776.

Gentn At the time I waited on you at Annapolis, I gave orders to Mr Steward the first Lieutenant of my Company to be at Leonard Town with the party of thirty men (which he returned to me) on tuesday last, but have heard not a word either of him or the men since that time, The men enlisted by me are now here supported by Mr Ford and we are endeavouring to instruct them as fast as possible we can. I am sorry to request that you will interfere in the business and order Mr Steward down with the thirty men that he has enlisted, Information was lodged this day with the Committee that two men well dressed were passing thro this County who from their appearance & behaviour the Committee had reason to suspect, they therefore requested me to send after them, which I immediately did, but the two men that I sent were delayed a considerable time from the difficulty of procuring horses. I would beg you to consider whether as it will be frequently necessary to advise you of what may be passing here, and the numberless occasions we must have, whether it would not be proper to allow a horse for the use of the Company. If you think it proper be pleased to acquaint me by Mr Neale who will deliver you this.

I have also to request that you will send me about one hundred pounds, the money that I last received being all expended in Board, Blankets, Clothes, and neither of the two last yet fully got. Mr Neale also brings up seven gun locks sent by the Committee, and six purchased here by me the account of which Mr Neale will deliver. We have as yet received no powder, from Charles County, and from what I hear there is no reason to expect any. I am much afraid we shall be pushed for a Drummer & Fifer, I have been informed by Mr Davidson the second Lieutenant that there is a servant in Baltimore who has two years to serve who is a good fifer, which he will sell for fifteen pounds or thereabouts, as his Wages in one year would pay that sum and find him Clothes. I should be much obliged to you to allow me to purchase him. Of the several matters be pleased to inform me by Mr Neale.

I am Gent Your most obliged hu^ble^ Servt

J. A. Thomas.

Original. [Gilpin to Rumsey.]

Head of Elk. Febr 24th 1776.

Sir. I must beg the favor of you while you continue at Annapolis to git the Commitions for five of the Companys of

your brother Charles (or midle) Battalion of this County, they are wanting for Evins, Savins, Alexanders, Moffitts and Hendersons. They were mislayed by Mr Ramsay when he was sick at the late Convention, after I came away and I understand they were left at the land office which is kept at Mr Peals near the church where he borded if it may be in your power to find them out and send them by the post or any other opportunity directed to your brother or myself it will oblige.

Sir your Humble Servt

To Benjamin Rumsey Esqr Jo^s^ Gilpin.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Philadelphia 25th february 1776

Gent^n^

Mr Alexander Ross, a Gentleman of our acquaintance, has applied to us to procure for him from Congress, a pasport to Lord Dunmore, upon whom he says he has a very considerable claim, which he hopes he shou'd be able to secure, cou'd he have an opportunity of making a personal demand. From the multiplicity of business now before the Congress an application of this kind wou'd be attended with great delay, and as a licence from your Honourable Board will be at least as effectual, we take the liberty of recommending him to your indulgence, being well persuaded he will religiously observe any injunctions you may think proper to lay him under.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t^ Servants
J. Rogers
Robt Alexander

Baltimore-Town, Monday 26 Feb. 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday last except Mr Hall. Mr Jenifer & Mr Carroll attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant John Eccleston thirty five Pounds on Account of Capt Thomas Woolford's Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt Edward Veazey two hundred Pounds for Subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Veazey three hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Murray to Council.]

Dorchester County, Cambridge Feby 26th 1776.

Gent^{n} We this day received your letter of the 21st Instant, and the Comee, being setting, agreeable to your request, took the matter mentioned therein into consideration, and are of opinion that the town of Cambridge is the most convenient and proper Place for the Independent Company of this County to be stationed in, It is the most central place in the County, and the Company may with great ease and conveniency march from thence to any part of the County that may happen to be attacked, which they could not so readily do, should they be posted any where else, and we also think it would be very difficult to accommodate them in any other place than in this neighbourhood. These, among others, are the reasons that induce us to prefer Cambridge to any other part of the County.

We are very respectfully, Gent^{n} y^{r} most ob^{t} Hble. servants Signed p^{r} order

James Murray chairman.

[Report of Charles County Committee.]

At a meeting of the Committee of observation for Charles County on Monday the 26th Feby 1776 Brigadier General John Dent Chairman and John Gwinn clerk The following gentlemen are recommended as officers to be Commissioned to fill up the vacancies of the late Company of Col^{o} William Harrison to Wit, William Winter Junior Captain, George Dent Ju^{r} 1st Lieut^{n} John S. Chetton 2nd Lieutenant and William Barker Ensign and in consequence of a letter of resignation received from John S. Chitton, the Committee thought proper to recommend Burdit Hamilton in his stead.

Ditto for the late Company of Major John Marshall Benjamin Philpot Captain, Henry Dent 1st Lieutenant, Burf^{d} Cottrett 2nd Do and Philip Marshall Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col^{o} Saml Hanson, William McPherson Captain, Peter Green 1st Lieutenant, Thomas Green Junr 2^{d} Do and Leonard Hamilton Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col^{o} Francis Ware, Walter Hanson of John Captain, Thomas Simms 1st Lieutenant Jo^{s} W. Harrison 2^{d} ditto and John Beal Twener Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col^{o} Josias Hawkins, John Hanson younst Captain Henry Massey Hanson 1st Lieutenant, James Russell 2nd ditto and John Griffin Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Major Thomas Harris, Jonathan Yates Captain Richard Hendly Courts 1st Lieutenant, John Neall 2^{d} do and Raphael Boarman J^{r} Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Capt William Campbell, C. S. C.
Walter Winter Captain, Richard Bennett Boarman 1st Lieutenant Johnathan Thomas 2nd do and Nehemiah Gibbons Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Capt John H. Stone, George Swann Capt John Gwinn 1st Lieutenant, Michael Stone 2^{d} do. and William Laman Ensign.

Mr James Farnandis who was first Lieutenant to Capt Robert Sennetts Company, having entered into the regular service, made a recommendation of officers necessary for that company, and the following Gentlemen are recommended to Wit, John Muschett 1st Lieutenant, William McConkie 2^{d} do. and Samuel Stone Junr Ensign.

To fill up the vacancies in the Company lately Commanded by Genl John Dent, Henry Ward Captain, George Dent, 1st Lieutenant Thomas McCatie 2nd Do. and John Grant Ensign were recommended by a majority of thirty two privates of the said Company met for that purpose. The Committee think proper to recommend to the Honble Council of Safety Capt Thomas Hanson Marshall who lives in the hundred to which the said Company belongs but is not one of that Company, having enroled in a neighbouring one, of Militia, Henry Ward who is as above recommended by the said Company for Capt was chosen second Lieutenant by a former election and in the Judgment and opinion of the Committee it would tend most to the public service for the Honble Council of Safety to Commission the said Thomas Hanson Marshall Captain for the said Comp^{y} Geo Dent first Lieutenant, Henry Ward 2^{d} do and John Grant Ensign:

The Honble Council of Safety are requested to enquire of Col^{o} Wm Smallwood for a recommendation of officers for the Company he Commanded.

Signed by Order. J. Gwinn Clk.

Tuesday 27 February 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That Mr George Matthews and Captain Nathaniel Smith be appointed to prove the Cannon to be furnished by Messrs Samuel and Daniel Hughes for the use of the Province, and that the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County deliver to Mr Matthews & Capt Smith or either of them powder sufficient for that Purpose; The Order of the 20th Instant to Captain Fulford being superseded by Reason of his necessary Attendance to his Duty here.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock

C. S. C. [Scott to Council.]

Annapolis Feby 27th 1776.

Gentlemen. I'm under the necessity of applying to you, for some money for the support of the troops here under my Com^{d} the whole of what I had an order for being expended, shall be glad if you could let me have an order for £150 if you think proper, I have 50 men at lodgings & expect more shortly, you will be capable of Judging what sum will be sufficient, whatever you may think proper to give an order for please deliver to Lieu^{t} Goldsmith. I will have my acc^{t} ready made out against you come down for the whole of disbursements on raising and lodging my men.

Am Gen^{t} your most obedient & very
hble Servt John Day Scott

Original. [Alexander to Council.]

Phil^{a} 27 Feby 1776.

Gen^{t} Your L^{re} by the Post is received, & on application to Congress, they have ordered 22000 Dollars equal to £8250 to be advanced, this money I shall receive & transmit you by the first safe Conveyance. the Cartridge Paper I have purchased, 25 Reams part of the Quantity, shall be sent off by the Stage this Week, the residue will follow next Week, and I shall then furnish you with the acc^{t} the price is 16/ by the Ream. I called on Mr Morris to know the Quantity of Arms & Powder imported by him for the Province, he was from home, his Clerk informed me about 400 Stand of Arms & 3500 lb^{s} of Cannon Powder, I have directed a Gen^{t} of Maryland now in this City to receive them & to forward them by the Stages to Elk from thence to send them in a Boat to Back River in Balt. Coty, with orders for the Skipper of the Boat to proceed to Balt. Town & there take Directions, in what manner to land them. I have taken this Precaution to avoid all Danger for should any Tender or armed Vessel be cruising in Patapsco River, the Boat can proceed to the Head of Back River & land the Arms & Powder within five Miles of the Town—if no Vessel of the Enemy, she can run round without any great Expence incurred by the Delay. last night a ship arrived here from Bristol which she left the 17th of Decr she cleared out for Cork to avoid Suspission, notwithstanding which, she was strictly searched & a Letter being discovered, directed to a Merch^{t} in Philadelphia, the Ship was detained but the Letter being merely on private Business the Capt on his Petition, was discharged & permitted to sail. some News Papers & private letters are brought in they were stowed away by a Passenger

in the Bottom of a Barrel of Bread, which being placed in a careless manner, as if for the Ships use, it escaped the search, one of the Letters was directed to Willing & Morris, without any Signature. it contained a printed copy of my Lord North's conciliatory act by which all American vessels found on the Coast of Great Britain or Ireland are to be seized & confiscated on the first day of January—all American Vessels sailing into or out off the Ports of America after the first of March are to be seized & confiscated, all foreign Vessels trading to America after the first of June to be seized—all Communication between Great Britain or Ireland or the British West Indies with America to be cut off, all Captures made by British Ships of War or by the officers of the Kings troops in America adjudged by this Act to be lawful Prize, and as such Courts of Admiralty to proceed in their Condemnation all orders, for the Regulation of Courts of Admiralty in America, heretofore made by the King in Council or which may hereafter be made, are confirmed—the Boston Port Bill, the Fishery Bill, and the restraining Act are repealed by this Bill, the Colonies being in the like Circumstances & Situation—the last Clause of this more than diabolical Act enables the King to appoint Commissioners to grant Pardons & receive the Submissions of any Province, County, Town, or District. I shall make no Comments on this Act, it is only a further step in that System of Tyranny, hitherto pursued by that ——— who under the influence of a Scotch Junto now disgraces the British Throne. what Measures Congress may pursue in Consequence of this Act, I know not with me every Idea of Reconciliation is precluded by the conduct of G. Britain, & the only alternitave, absolute Slavery or Independency, the latter I have often reprobated both in public & private, but am now almost convinced the Measure is right & can be justified by necessity. the Gen^{t} who inclosed the Bill to W. & M. writes that 26000 Troops are to be employed in America that a suff^{t} Body of Men are to defend Boston, while diff^{t} Bodies are to attack New York, Virginia & South Carolina, that Lord Cornwallis is destined for the last Place with 5000 Men & was to sail in January.

the Gen^{t} adds the Minority gains Ground, that some of the Bedford Party had desserted Adm^{rn}, that the Scotch Faction headed by Dr G. Elliot ostensibly & by Lord Bute & Mansfield privately, directed & influenced the Councils & Measures of the Court.

I make no doubt you have heard Mr Chase is ordered to Canada. he sets off in a few days. Mr Rogers has Leave of Absence. should he leave Congress, Maryl^{d} will be without Representation. I mention this, to shew the Necessity of your

requesting Messrs Johnson & Stone to attend. I wrote Mr Tilghman, but have not any Answer, altho' my private Business requires my Presence in Maryland, I shall not leave this City until a suffit number of my Brethern arrive.

I am with respect Gent yr very Hble Servt

R. Alexander

Original. [Stricker to Council.]

Frederick Town 27th Feby 1776.

Gentlemen. A Gentleman in this Town having lately purchased an assortment of goods amongst which (besides a sufficient quantity of deep blue Bd Cloth from 15/ to 15/6d pr yd to clothe about two hundred men, and six thousand good oiled gun Flints) he has about two hund of the best kind of French Match Coat Blankets which he will spare for the Countrys use at £1. 3/ pr that being (he says) the price the province of Pennsylvania allows him for them. I should be glad to know whether or not I may be permitted to purchase a sufficient quantity of the Blankets for the use of my Company at that price as I know of none else here to be had, and the Company cannot do without.

I have purchased Cloth for the use of my Company tho at a higher price than limited, but as the men are very agreeable the Overplus should be deducted out of their wages, hope you will be kind enough to be answerable for the full amount. I have likewise agreed for their breeches and they are all well armed, and as their clothes will be finished in about a week, nothing will retard our march after the expiration of that time but the want of Blankets.

I am honourable Gentlemen
With due respect your obliged humbl Servt
George Stricker.

C. S. J. Wednesday 28 Feb. 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt George Wise of the Brigantine Nancy.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County against the issuing Commissions to the Officers of Mr John Burgesses Company, which was referred by the late Convention to the Council of Safety, was read. And thereupon

Ordered, That the same be taken into Consideration on Friday the 8th of March next, and that notice be given to the parties concerned to attend the Council at the City of Annapolis that Day.

Summons issued to Major Henry Ridgely and Mr John Bur- C. S. J.
gess accordingly.

Commissions issued to Richard Stringer appointed Captain Wm Spurrier 1 Lieutenant, Caleb Dorsey 2^d^ Lieutenant, and Nicholas Ridgely Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County belonging to the Elk Ridge Battalion.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Kent and Henry to Council.] Original.

Head Quarters. Northampton Court house Virginia
Feby 28th 1776.

Honble Gent^n^ Your much esteemed favour of the 14th Ins^t^ is now before us, the contents of which has given much satisfaction to us and our Companies in general, the Comp^y^ from Kent County arrived here the 12th and the Comp^y^ from Queen Anns on the 14th Ins^t^ in good health and spirits.

Sunday night last a schooner that lay in Hungers Creek Loaded with provision was taken possession of by 13 negroes, who attempted to make their escape to Lord Dunmore, but the next morning she was pursued by a whale boat which over hall^d^ her upon York Spit, and returned with her monday night, the negroes are now under Guards, this is the only remarkable event has happened since our arrival here, we have not heard what officer is to take the Command over us, the Field officers of the regulars raised in Accomack and this County are on the Western Shore, but expected over every day. The militia and regulars here are in a very defenceless state and see no anxiety amongst them to get either Discipline or accrutred. The resolve under which we march^d^ mentioned our coming to the assistance of the inhabitants of Accomack and Northampton Counties. But we are persuaded should we have an engagement at this time we should have but little assistance from them, but hope in a few days some companies will arrive from the Western Shore. General Clintons arrival at Norfolk with 1000 Troops we imagine you are informed of, It is said Dunmore has many friends in this place, tho the Complexion of the Tories (we are told) changed much on our arrival here. however we can say with truth that we were rec^d^ here with every mark of esteem and friendship, and the Committee has spared no pains to procure us comfortable Quarters. We beg leave to observe your wish for our continuing here the time mentioned by the Convention, altho we had enrolled only to serve till the first of March, what you have said on this head & puting it in our power to draw on the Treasurer for money to pay Wages, we hope will have a good effect with the Companies,

but could wish the Convention had recommended our staying the time mentioned rather than ordered, the first of March is very near when we expect a few must return home from necessity. As each Company have bro^{t} a physician with them from home which we every day find useful and necessary, hope some provision may be made for them, otherwise they must be considerably out of pocket, as they have been and must be untill their return home at their own expence, besides finding every medicines and instruments necessary. And as you request the Companies to return in a Body to their respective Counties, hope some money will be paid us to defray the expence of our march back, tho our Companies was one only 15 and the other 12 days on their march to this place yet the £100.0.0 rec^{d} of the Treasurer was expended and our Commissary not prepared to receive us, which much distressed us for a few days. If an opportunity offers to this place should be glad to be furnished with the continental regulations relative to wages and victualing, the latter of which our Commissary either does not or pretends not to know any thing about. We shall endeavour whilst here to give all the satisfaction we can to the Inhabitants of this place as far as is consistent with our Duty. But more particularly the province to which we belong and shall cheerfully obey every command of our representatives as far as can be done by a people who are determined to preserve their Liberties. And hope the conduct of our Companies this Campaign will not reflect dishonour either on the province to which they belong, or themselves, We are with every mark of esteem and respect.

Gent^{n} y^{r} obd^{t} hble Servt^{s}
James Kent
William Henry.

C. S. J. Thursday 29 February 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Mr James Hutchings agreed with the Council to load the Schooner Fanney, James Carmichael Master with Country Produce for the Importation of Salt agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct^{r} Alexander Stenhouse four hundred and thirty eight Pounds three Shillings and two pence for Medicines purchased of him by the Council of Safety for the use of the Forces of this Province.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Daniel and John McHenry four hundred and twenty three pounds three

Shillings and six Pence for 4062½ yards of Oznaburghs purchased of them for the use of the regular Troops of this Province. C. S. J.

Ordered That Messrs Daniel and John McHenry deliver to Major Gist 4062½ yards of Oznaburghs purchased of them by the Council of Safety.

Ordered That Messrs Samuel and Robert Purviance deliver to Major Gist all the Canvas now in their Possession purchased of Monsr Jugé for Tents, by the late Convention, and that he procure the same to be immediately made up.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Kent and Henry's Report.] Original

Head Quarters Northampton County Virginia 29th Febv 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosd you have a monthly return of the minute Companies under our Command also a list of the mens names. Gentlemen We are

Very respectfully your mo Obedt Sevts
James Kent. William Henry.

To the Honourable The Council of Safety of Maryland.

A monthly return of Capt William Henrys minute Company from Kent County.

Com. officers.		Non Comd officers		Rank and file	Went home 1st March	Total
1	Captain	1	Surgeon		John Wilmer	
2	Lieutenants	1	Adjutant		George Little Senr	
1	Ensign	4	Sargeants		Salathiel Freeland	
		4	Corporals		John Burnsides	
		1	Fifer		Francis Lennon	
		1	Drummer		William Miers	
					Nathaniel Knock	
					Charles Irons	
					George Little Junr	
					John Hurt	
1		1		60	10	86

Given under my hand at Head Quarters 29th March 1776 Northampton County Virginia. William Henry.

A monthly return of Capt James Kents minute Company 1st March 1776.

Com. officers		Non Commissioned officers		Rank and File		Total
1	Captain		Sargeant Major	65	Fit for duty	
2	Lieutenants	2	M Serjeant	1	Sick	
1	Ensign	4	Serjeants		On command	
1	Surgeon	2	Corporals		On Furlow	
			Fife Major		Camp C. Men	
			Drum Major		Confined	
		1	Fifer		Dead	
		1	Drummer		Deserted	
					Discharged	
					Recruited	
					On duty	
					Artificers	
				79	Total	

The sick man set down in this return is John Kent who was much hurt the 6th Febʸ on our march down and since returned home, he was not able to join the Company after.

James Kent.

A List of the minute Company that march'd from Queen Anns County, Maryland the 3d Febʸ 1776.

James Kent Capt
Thomas Tillotson 1st Lieut
John Charris 2 Lieut
John Dames Ensign
James Browne Surgeon

George Findley, Ephraim Wyn Story, Philemon Davis, Samuel Copper — Sergts

Corporals. John Jackson, Thomas Meridith Bryon

Thomas Freshwater Drumr
John Findley Fifer.

William Stinson	1	William Robinson	29	William Scott	55
Matthew Mason	2	Benjn Blunt	30	Robert Russum	56
Edward Wright	3	Walter Meeds	31	John Burnett	57
John Hawkins	4	James Browne	32	Richard Wickes	58
James Clayland	5	Edward Tryall	33	William Deford.	59
Solomon Pratt	6	William Tarr	34	James Gould Sparks.	60
Samuel Seeney	7	Samuel White	35	John Emory Hall	61
John Hargadine	8	James Harriss	36	Samuel Boulsover	62
Barnaba Sinnott	9	Nathaniel Tucker.	37	James Clayland Junr	63
Joseph Elliott	10	William Bruff	38	John Lloyd	64
John Godwin	11	John Smith	39	Jacob Gibson	65
Charles Scrivenor	12	Thos Lane Emory	40	Richard Bruff	66
Christopher Yewell	13	William Holding	41		
John Keene	14	Samuel Earle	42		
Thomas Meridith	15	Edward Taylor.	43		
Jonathan Gibson	16	Perigrine Ashford.	44		
Joseph Wright	17	William Briggs	45		
John Kent	18	Edward Downes.	46		
Thomas Harriss	19	Robert Dawson	47		
William Middleton	20	William Morgan.	48		
Henry Coursey	21	Richard Emory	49		
John Carman	22	William Roe	50		
Edward Harriss	23	William Larry	51		
John Thomas	24	Gideon Emory	52		
Samuel Wright Thomas	25	Robert Love	53		
Robert Wright	26	Christopher Jackson	54		
William Wilson Emory	27				
Thomas Mayson	28				

N. B. John Kent was wounded the 6th Feby and has not been able to join the Compy since, William Middleton, William Roe, and John Findley, left the Compy 1st March.

James Kent

Original.

[Stewart to Council.]

Baltimore 29th Febʸ 1776.

Gentlemen.

Inclosed you have a state of the adventure pr Schooner Seaflower Waters Mastr from hence to the West Indies & back, which please to examine and the managers will waite on you to morrow to know your determination therein.

I am Gentn Your obedt Servt

David Stewart.

[Gunby to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Princes Ann Som^{t} County 29th Feby 1776.

Sir. Mr Forrest my first Lieutenant waits on your board for instructions with respect to several matters relating to my Company. In obedience to your instructions communicated to me by Mr Scott, I have provided houses for my Company & Ruggs & Blankets for as many of them as I could. I have also provided them with fuel & such utensils as Judged absolutely necessary for dressing their provisions, all which things I have purchased out of my own & my officers money, as the £200 ordered me from the Eastern Shore treasury was not more than sufficient to pay the advance money directed by the Convention to be advanced with soldiers & non Commissioned officers the subsistance money has also been advanced to the several recruits as it was necessary. If it is not going further than your board may think themselves justifiable in I would submit it, whether it would not be expedient in order to save the trouble of frequent applications to the Council & expresses to the Treasury, to advance to the several Captains of independant Comp^{ys} such a sum of money as may provide their respective Companys in fresh articles as are to be proved by the captains & also to pay up the arrearages of subsistance money, each Captain to render his account with proper vouchers for the money by him expended for the use of his company. If the Board think this ought to be done, I should be glad to receive by Mr Forrest your order on Mr Hindman for such sum as you may judge necessary for the purpose. I am also to request of the Council that they will take such order as they think proper for furnishing the Company with Musketts Drum & Fife, as they are at present absolutely unable to exercise for want of arms. The Committee have fixed the station of the Company at Princess Ann, the County Town for this County, where I have been able to provide for them very sufficient cover at reasonable rates. I am exceedingly anxious to have the Company provided with arms as soon as may be, as most of them are entirely without & it is impossible to do any thing with them, (tho too many of them are very raw) until furnished with arms & from their situation it is not improbable but they may be pretty soon called into action:

I am with Respect,

Your mo. ob^{t} serv^{t} John Gunby.

To the Honble Danl of St Thomas Jenifer.

[A. Beall to Council.] Original.

Bladensburgh 29th February 1776.

Gentlemen. The reason I have not waited on your honours for a Commission as a field officer, is that there has been so

much clamour about the appointment of field officers that I did not choose to accept of a Commission unless I was agreeable to the people, for which purpose I have done myself the pleasure of waiting upon several Companies to take their sentiments on the matter, and have met with their general approbation, therefore if your Honours think proper to promote me as a field officer please do me the favour to send a Commission by Captain Lucas, who will satisfy your honours that I am the oldest person in Commission except Col° Joshua Beall of the 25th Battalion, and that I have heretofore exerted myself in the cause of Liberty as much as any one in the Province; and you may rely upon an exertion of my utmost abilities in future to support the cause, whatever my station may be. You will please to defer issuing commissions for my Company till I come up, which will be within a fortnight from this time, when I shall return recommendations for officers agreeable to the Company. Confiding in your doing me justice respecting this application, I remain with the greatest regard

Gentlemen your honors most obed^{t} h^{ble} serv^{t}
Andrew Beall.

C. S. J. Friday 1st March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Major Gist furnish Captain Fulford with a Quantity of Cloth sufficient to cloath his Company.

Mr Nicholas Ruxton Moore was appointed third Lieutenant of Captain Fulford's Company of Matrosses. Commission issued to him accordingly.

Ordered That Messrs Samuel Purviance Junior, William Smith and David Stewart pay to Messrs William Lux and Daniel Bowly twelve hundred and two Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine pence, being the Ballance of their Account with the province in Consequence of an Adventure by the Schooner Seaflower.

Permit was granted to Messrs Samuel Purviance Junr William Smith and David Stewart and others concerned in the Adventure p^{r} the Schooner Seaflower, to export the Produce of this Province to the Amount of four hundred and eighty nine Pounds and five pence agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Doct^{r} George Budd was appointed Surgeon of the Ship Defence, and Doct^{r} Nathan Dorsey jun^{r} Mate.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Saturday 2d March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commission issued to [Lilburn] Williams appointed third Lieutenant of Capt Thomas Woolford's independent Company

Resolved That Major Gist be empowered to contract for fifty Camp Kettles and as many Hats as may be necessary for the Battalion not exceeding 7½ each.

Mr Hugh Young agreed with the Council to load the Schooner Peggy, with Country Produce, and in Return to import Salt agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Doctor Charles Frederick Wiesenthal was appointed Surgeon to the Battalion.

Commission issued to George Walsh appointed Ensign of Captain James Cox's Company of Militia in Baltimore County in the Room of David McClellan who removed out of the Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Daniel Grant six Pounds fifteen Shillings for the use of his Room and Doorkeeper.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux One thousand Pounds Currency on Account of the Ship Defence.

Adjourned to the City of Annapolis till Monday next.

[Garrett to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Harford County 2 March 1776.

Sir. Yours of 19 Ult. came to my hands, and in answer, can advise that I have been sometime at work about the salt petre. I got a parcel of earths thrown up and the boards for erecting the sheds are cutting, and having a convenient copper in my own house I have been above two weeks at work tho with very little success having made but very little crude nitre, the reason I attribute to want of Judgment in the process, as I think from a view of the earths, used in York Town, which I went on purpose to see, that what I have is equal. the Persons in this county has greatly left of making tobacco but the houses they used are mostly standing and from such in my neighbourhood a large quantity of Materials can be procured. the man I have engaged is an industrious person and a little speculative tho very poor that dont dispair overcoming the difficulty. before I got your letter, on our Muarying I wrote to Dor Weisenthal by him, & sent him there for three or four days, he is not yet returned, what he can gather then I dont

C. S. C. expect will be equal in sight with what he can see in Phila. I will send him immediately of these on his return and get him instructed all I can, it will be some expense if more than my commission which I will willingly spend that way hope to be reimburst in my accounts, the Council of Safety may be assured its my earnest desire to promote the business all I can and will from time to time advise of my success.

I am sir your very Hble S^{t}
Amos Garrett.

To Danl of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

[Stevenson to Council.]

Dr Stevenson begs leave to present a memorial to the honourable the Council of Safety now setting, to acquaint them, that some time ago he had engaged a quantity of Gunpowder from Mr John Craig Merch^{t} w^{h} the Committee of Balt^{o} Town took for the public service, and being at present greatly distressed for a small supply of powder to carry on his copper works, requests that he may be supplied with such a quantity as they shall think proper, and he will with pleasure repay any charge in replacing the same.

Jno Stevenson

March 2^{d} 1776.

[Beatty to Council.]

Frederick Town March 2^{d} 1776.

Gen^{t} Inclosed you have the petition of one of the companies in the 33^{d} Battalion praying that you will commission the Gentlemen therein mentioned. The Company seems to be well satisfied to be commanded by them and I am of opinion they will make good officers therefore hope you will approve of them. Captain Mantz who was appointed quartermaster of our troops by the last convention has declining serving in that capacity, therefore I hope you will have the Commissions for him and the other officers of his company made out and sent up with the others, by the first safe hand and you will oblige:

Gentlemen your very Hble Servt
C. Beatty:

N. B. Mr Lewis Rush who was appointed quarter master to the 33^{d} Battalion has accepted of a Commis^{n} in the Pensy^{la} troops therefore has declined serving as quarter master in said Battalion. In order to have the vacancy filled up I consulted

with the rest of the field officers of said Batt[a] and we unanimously agreed to recommend M[r] William Ritchie as a man well calculated to fill up the place if he should meet with your approbation we pray that a Commission may Issue and be transmitted with the above. C. B. C. S. C.

[Petition of Frederick Company.]

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

The petition of Sundry the freeholders and Inhabitants of Frederick County who compose the Company to which Col[o] Charles Beatty was formerly elected Captain and Col[o] Baker Johnson first Lieutenant the removal of whom to their present appointments have occasioned vacancys. We therefore to render the Company compleat, and that it may exercise in Batalion as directed by the resolves of the convention have gone into a choice of officers to fill the vacancies above mentioned and have appointed M[r] John Adlum Captain John Ferguson first Lieutenant, Christian Weaver second Lieutenant and Thomas Beatty Ensign. If those gentlemen meet with your approbation, of which we have but little doubt, we hope that Commissions may issue and be transmitted to Col. Charles Beatty by the first opportunity. Signed p[r] order,

William Ritchie Clk.

[Hanson to Council.] Original.

Frederick Town March 3[d] 1776.

Gentlemen Yours of the 2[d] February came to hand a few days ago inclosing a resolve of the Congress respecting the Collection of Gold and Silver in this province together with your appointment of myself and others to collect the same in this County. I am sorry to acquaint you that it is not in my power to render the Public any Service in that way on the terms proposed—no one being willing to part with their Gold & Silver without receiving the paper immediately in Exchange Any orders your Honours may at any time think proper to Intrust me with shall always be Complyed with as far as may be in the power of

Gentlemen

Your most Hble Serv[t]

John Hanson J[r]

Annapolis Monday 4th March 1776. C. S. J.

Present of the Council, M[r] Hall, M[r] Smyth and M[r] Hands.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a Council not having met, they adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Harford Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. As the Convention of this province has ordered to disband the Companys of minute men and that the Committees of the Countys pay off the said Companys, for which purpose money will be wanting as well as to comply with some contracts for arms that this Committee has agreed for & for which long since the money was requested but the Amount has never yet been had, for the enabling of this committee to comply with the above we would hope your Honours will furnish this Committee with four hundred pounds by Mr Thomas Hall for the purpose aforesaid, Accounts of which & for the faithfully laying out the same shall be rendered to the next Convention of this province. Signed by order of the Committee. Aquila Hall chair^n^ Committee

Harford Town in Committee March 4th 1776.
Pay the above order to Capt Robert Harris. Thos Hall

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

Calvert County March 4th 1776.

In Committee of observation. This Committee agreeable to the request of the Honble the Council of Safety do inform their honours, that at Drum Point (near the mouth of Patuxent) their are two dwelling houses with fire places to each & a Storehouse & very near thereto a school house on the river side which the Proprietors are ready & willing should be used by Capt Beales men & this Committee offer it as their opinion, that that is the properest place for the troops to be stationed at in this County. Signed p^r^ order
E Johnson Clk p^r^ tempore

[Stricker to Council.]

Frederick Town March the 4th 1776.

Gentlemen: The man who had the Blankets for sale in this Town could not stay to know your answer to my letter; I have therefore taken them, as I knew of none elsewhere to be had. I hope you will excuse my conduct in so doing as well as the liberty I have taken to give him an order on the paymaster for the money The Blankets were already engaged, but he let me have them to oblige the province. The amount of the money I have given an order for, is eighty nine pounds fourteen shillings for seventy eight Blankets:

I am gentlemen with due respect your obliged
hum^l^ Servt George Stricker:

Tuesday 5 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present Mr. Jenifer, Mr Carroll, Mr Hall, Mr Tilghman and Mr Hands. Mr Smyth has Leave of Absence. 7 O'Clock at Night.

The Council being informed by the Pilot Boats stationed to gain and communicate Intelligence that a Ship of War was making up the Bay. A Letter was immediately sent by Express to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County informing them thereof.

A Letter was also sent to Col. John Hall (vid N° 29) And Copies of the Letter N° 30 to Colonels Thomas Dorsey and John Weems respectively.

Adjourned till next Day 8 O'Clock.

[Council to Hall.] C. S. C. No. 29.

To Colonel John Hall

Sir.

We hear that the 44 Gun Man of War and two Sloops are on their Way up the Bay: the City is now weak and we judge it necessary to have all the Men drawn to Town we can for its Defence; we should be glad you will give Directions to all the Companies and Men in your Battalion that can be got ready to repair as soon as possible to Town. We shall be glad to see you as early in the morning as you can.

Mar. 5: 1776.

[Council to Dorsey and Weems.] No. 30.

To Cols Dorsey & Weems (respectively)

Sir:

The Council of Safety have this Moment received by Express an Account that a large Ship of War and two Tenders were this afternoon considerably above the Mouth of Patuxent, and it is supposed they are now off Annapolis; whether they entered into our River or to Baltimore is not known. But be their Destination to either Place it is absolutely necessary to have your Battalion in Readiness to march at an Hour's warning.

5 March 8 o'Clock at Night 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation of Balt. Town

Gentlemen.

We have just received intelligence that a large ship supposed to be a 20 gun man of war and two sloops are on their

C. S C. way up the Bay their destination is not known but as they may intend for your Town, we send off this express that you may be on your guard and make all the preparations in your power for your defence.

[March 5th 1776?]

[Talbot Committee to Council.]

Talbot County March 5th 1776. In Committee

Gentlemen: In answer to a letter from you, requesting our Sentiments of a Place the most proper for the Independant Company, appointed by the Convention to be stationed in this County, we beg leave to propose, oxford, which in our opinion, is the most convenient for that purpose:

We are with much Respect Gent Your mo. Obedt Servts
By order of the Committee Nicholas Thomas Chairman.

[Plater to Council.]

Sotterley March 5th 1776.

Gentlemen: In obedience to the order of the Congress transmitted by you, I have collected what gold I could in Saint Marys County, & now send it by Col. Fitzhugh, amounting to two hundred twenty four pounds one shilling & three pence, as noted below. You will be pleased to give him an order on the treasurer for the paper money to that amount. I have the Honour to be: Gentlemen

Your most obt humbl Servt
Geo. Plater.

One hundred & six Guineas	185.. 10
Twenty three half Guineas	20.. 2.. 6
Five half Johannes	15..
One two Pistole Piece	2.. 15..
One half Pistole	13.. 9
	£224.. 1.. 3

C. S. J. Wednesday 6 March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Captain George Stricker's Company of Light Infantry immediately march to their Station at the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds to pay Expresses and for other Purposes, and that he render an Account thereof.

Commissions issued to James Brice appointed Captain St. C. S. J.
George Peale 1 Lt. Frederick Green 2d Lt and Nicholas Maccubbin Junior Ensign of an independent Company in the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Charles Wallace Esqr one hundred and fifty pounds Currency for money advanced by him to Capt Barton Lucas for Inlistment and Subsist money, on his producing said Lucas's Receipt for that Sum and lodging the same with the Treasurer.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met pursuant to Adjournmt

The public Service requiring that the Regular Troops now in Annapolis be armed as quick as possible, Ordered, That Captain William Hyde deliver up to Major Thomas Price the 80 Stand of public Armes now in the Possession of the said Captain Hyde or of his Company of Militia together with all Things belonging to said eighty Stand of Arms and that a Receipt be given by said Major Price for the same, or such part thereof as may be delivered, and that said Major Thomas Price return a List to the Council of what Arms &c. he may receive.

Copies of Letter N° 31 was sent to the several Committees of Observation for Frederick County respectively.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Frederick Committees.] C. S. C No. 31.

To the Committees of Observation for the several Districts of Frederick County.

Gentn You heretofore received from the Council of Safety an Order to collect all the Public Arms in your District, and return a State thereof—the Public Service now requires that they should be sent down to Annapolis as soon as possible—We therefore request you to send whatever Public Arms may be in your Custody or Power to us in Annapolis by Captain Stricker's Company or under a Guard, and whatever Expence may be incurred shall be fully reimbursed

6th March 1776

[Dugan to Council.]

Baltimore 6th March 1776.

Gentn Your favr is now before me, desiring my bakeing the remainder of your flour as quick as possible, which I am not able to do on acct of the low price you have allowed, this last three months we have sunk considerable money in bake-

C. S. C. ing for you, owing to the great advance in price of wood wages provisions &c that we have been oblidged to make an entire stop of bakeing your flour in my hands, which am sorry for, at the time, I began to bake for you, wood was bought from 8/ to 10/ p^{r} Cord, and most other articles in proportion, we have been obliged all this winter to give from 20/ to 30/ for wood, and much such prices for every thing else, however the bearer Mr Hollingsworth can inform you, better than I can of the rise of almost every necessary of life, and the impossibility of Bakeing now for you at 3/ p^{r} hund^{d} I immagine we have got baked of your flour ab^{t} one thousand barrels, & have yet on hand about four or five hundred Barrels yet unbaked which wish was baked as its growing very bad. I have a Brig laying in Boston, New England that will carry abo^{t} twelve hundred barrels of flour, a fine vessel & well found, have a good man as master for her that can be much depended on as to conduct and attachment to our cause I would perpose either selling her or chartering to you, which if we could agree would have her order'd round immediately, and as she is a small vessel and counted a very fast sailor, do think we could get her round with considerable safety for if the Kings Ships were in our Bay of which she could hear at the Capes, must then go into Chincoteague Sinnapuxent, or some other inlet there. You^{l} please take this into your consideration and give me an answer in two or three days, when I expect to be with you in Annapolis for that purpose, as also to see what is to be done with the rest of your flour in my hands.

And am Gent^{n} your most Obed^{t} humb^{l} Servt
Cumb^{d} Dugan.

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

Calvert County March 6th 1776.

At Mr Thomas Cleverly Dare's on the Clifts. Whereas a man of war supposed be twenty guns or upwards & two tenders the one a sloop the other a schooner both armed vessels have anchored off this shore yesterday afternoon (the man of War ab^{t} 6 miles off the tenders close in shore within one mile) with design as is suspected that is Inimical to this neighbourhood having taken a new england vessel yesterday noon at the mouth of this river. The Committee consisting of the following Gent^{n} vizt Col Ben Mackall Major Ja^{s} Wilkinson Messrs Sam Hance, Edwd Reynolds Walter Smith, Kenzy Johns, Dr Ja^{s} Gray & Dr E. Johnson & Mr Ja^{s} Heighe. Mr Hance in the Chair

E. Johnson Clk.

Resolved that this time of emminent danger the Colonel of C. S. C.
this County be empowered & he is hereby empowered to station any number of the Militia of this County as he shall think proper not exceeding one hundred men to watch the motions of the said vessels & to repell any fear from them, & to empower the Commanding officer or officers of the said guard to contract with any person or persons to supply with provisions the said Guard:

Ordered that the Clk do inform the Honble the Council of Safety of these proceedings by post or express directly for their orders herein:

Signed p order E. Johnson clk pro tempore:

[J. Beall to Council.]

6th March 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have agreed with William Thomas to act as adjutant to the Twenty fifth Battalion of Militia, If a Commission is to be filled up for him please to enclose it to me, I have not yet heard that any persons are commissioned as majors to this Battalion Capt Andrew Beall it seems has applied for one and I am told is so shore of getting a majority that he has quite the command of his Company as Captain. We have had great confusion about the appointment of Field officers already, I ordered a meeting of officers yesterday, many of whom attended, and find by them that Andrew Beall would be a person very disagreeable both to themselves & companys some of the officers declare they will not be commanded by him, and seemed desirous that I should recommend gentlemen for Majors, this might be giving offence to many, as I at this time do not know who would be most proper persons for that post, I can only give it as my opinion that Thomas Williams & Richd Hall who were the choice of the majority of the officers heretofore would be the most likely to give satisfaction to the officers and men in general.

I am Gentn yr most obedt Huml Sert
Josa Beall.

Thursday 7 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commissions issued to Bennett Combs appointed 2d Lieut. and James Williams Ensign of a Company of Militia in St Mary's County.

C. S. J. Also to William Winters appointed Capt George Dent jun^{r} 1 Lieut, Burdit Hamilton 2^{d} Lieut. and William Barker Ensign of a Company of Militia in Charles County.

Also to William McPherson appointed Capt Peter Green 1 Lieut, Thomas Green jun^{r} 2^{d} Lieut. and Leonard Hamilton Ensign of a company of Militia in said County.

Also to Benjamin Philpot appointed Capt Henry Dent 1 Lieut. Burford Cottrell 2^{d} Lieut. and Philip Marshall Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Walter Hanson (Son of John) appointed Capt Thomas Semes 1 Lt Joseph W. Harrison 2^{d} L^{t} and John Beal Turner Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to John Hanson (youngest) appointed Capt Henry Massey Hanson 1 Lt James Russell 2^{d} L^{t} and John Griffin Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Jonathan Yates appointed Capt R^{d} Hendly Cants 1 Lt. John Neal 2^{d} L^{t} and Raphael Boarman jun^{r} Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Walter Winter appointed Capt. R^{d} Bennett Boarman 1 Lt Jonathan Thomas 2^{d} L^{t} and Nehemiah Gibbons Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to George Swann appointed Capt John Gwinn 1 Lt Michael Stone 2^{d} L^{t} and William Laman Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Thomas Hanson Marshall appointed Captain George Dent 1 Lieut. Henry Ward 2^{d} L^{t} and John Grant Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to John Muschett appointed 1 Lt William McConchie 2^{d} L^{t} and Samuel Stone Ensign of Capt Robert Sinnett's Company of Militia in said County.

Ordered That Major Price immediately collect all the Lead in Town and particularly the buck Shot, and lodge the same in the Magazine.

Mr Isaac Harris was appointed Armourer to the Troops stationed in Annapolis.

In Consequence of a Letter from two of the Deputies of this Province in Congress. Permission was given to Alexander Ross to pass to the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Copy of Letter N° 32 was sent to the said Committee in Consequence of the above Permission.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That Messrs Thomas Charles Williams & Co. deliver to Major Price or his Order all the Gun Flints purchased from them for the use of the Province.

Ordered That Col. John Weems immediately march his Battalion to South River Ferry and quarter them there, Part on this, and Part on the other Side of the Ferry, and should

the Man of War and her Tenders attempt any Landing there, C. S. J.
that he be ready to repel them.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Order be immediately dispatched to Col. Weems by Express.

Copy of Letter N° 32 was sent by Express to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County: Copy of N° 33 by Express to Col. William Smallwood: Copy of N° 34 by Express to the Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County: Copy of N° 35 by Express to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County: And Copy of N° 36 by Express to Col. Thomas Dorsey.

Mr Carroll was requested to go to Baltimore Town to assist in the necessary Preparations there.

Ordered That Capt. Rezin Beall's independent Company be stationed one half of them at Port Tobacco in Charles County, and the other half at Drum Point in Calvert County and that they march to their several Stations as soon as possible

Copy of Letter N° 37 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County.

Dr Michael Wallace was appointed first Surgeon's Mate to the Battalion.

Commission issued to William Frazir appointed third Lieutenant of Capt James Hindman's independent Company in the Room of Pollard Edmondson who resigned.

[Council to Virginia Council.] C. S. C.

In Council of Safety Annapolis 6th March 1776.

To all persons whom it shall or may concern, We request you to permit the bearer hereof Mr Alexander Ross to pass unmolested to the Council of Safety of Virginia, he having made affidavit that his journey to Virginia is on account of private business and with no other Design; and that he will not directly or indirectly communicate any intelligence whatsoever on public affairs to any person unfriendly to America.

Gent:

In consequence of a letter from two of our Delegates (a copy of which we send you inclosed) we have given Mr Alexander Ross a permit to pass to your board and as his business is to be settled in your colony we leave the propriety of granting him a further passport to your determination.

We are with great Respect

Annapolis Mar 8th 1776 Gent &^c

To the Honble.

The Council of Safety of V^a

Letter inclosed.

Original. [Rogers and Alexander to Council.]

Philadelphia 25th February 1776.

Gent. Mr Alexander Ross, a gentleman of our acquaintance, has applied to us to procure for him from Congress a pasport to Lord Dunmore, upon whom he says he has a very considerable claim, which he hopes he shoud be able to secure, cou'd he have an opportunity of making a personal demand. From the multiplicity of business now before the Congress an application of this kind wou'd be attended with great delay, and as a licence from your Honorable Board will be at least as effectual, we take the liberty of recommending him to your indulgence, being well pursuaded he will religiously observe any injunctions you may think proper to lay him under.

We are gentlemen your most
obedt servants J. Rogers, Robt Alexander.

C. S. C. No. 32. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County.

Gentn

The Man of War of what particular Force we know not and her Sloop or Schooner Tenders are now, we are certainly informed, up as high as South River. We are not certain that they may put into this River; they have in Tow a Provision Vessel they seized in the Bay. If there be any Vessels landed in your River we would have you fall on the best Expedients you can to secure them. Apprize Captain Nicholson or the commanding Officer of the Ship Defence of the Intelligence directly. You will acquaint us as soon as you can with any Measures you may think necessary for your Defence that may be in our Power, and we will forward them with all expedition.

7th March 1776

No. 33. [Council to Smallwood.]

To Colo William Smallwood.

Sir.

A Ship of War and two Tenders have just hove in sight. We request therefore that you will immediately repair to this City and order Capt Stone to march up with his Company as expeditiously as he can. The Captain will call at Upper Malbro' on his Way hither and secure such Public Arms as may be collected there by the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County.

7th March 1776

[Council to Prince George's Committee.] C. S. C. No. 34.

To the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County.

Gent[n]

We request that you will immediately collect all the Public Arms in your County and deliver them to Captain Stone or his Order. The service of the Public requires the utmost Expedition in this Measure.

7th March 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 35.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Gent.

The Man of War with her Tenders have passed by this Harbour and are standing up the Bay, we presume for your Town

7th March 1776

[Council to Dorsey.] No. 36.

To Col[o] Thomas Dorsey.

Sir The Man of War and Tenders are gone past the Mouth of the Severn and are bound as we believe up the Bay to Baltimore Town. You are therefore to march immediately to Baltimore Town with your Battalion and endeavour to repel any hostile Attempts that may be made. Should any Powder or Lead be wanted, you may be supplyed from Major Gaithers'.

March 7th 1776

[Council to Calvert Committee.] No. 37

To the Committee of Observation for Calvert County

Gent[n]

We approve very highly your Conduct and the spirited Behaviour of the Militia. The Man of War and Tenders are past this Harbour and we apprehend are bound to Baltimore, but as there is no determining precisely their Destination and as possibly they may return more speedily than we imagine, and attempt a Landing in your County, we recommend it to you to keep up a constant Guard to watch your Coast. We thank you for your Information relative to a Place for the Station of the Troops for your County and request you will immediately provide the Houses at Drum Point or so many of

C. S. C. them as may be necessary for the said Troops as we have ordered their Station there.

March 8 1776

[Taylor to Hall.]

Sir. As the Council of Safety seem to be at a loss who to appoint as Majors to our Battalion I shall take the liberty of recommending two gentlemen, to your notice vizt Captain Thomas Snowden and Lieutenant Walter Bowie they are both very worthy and I am sure will give general satisfaction, It is said our quarter master Mr Wootton will be advanced if he should Mr Jon Magruder would be exceeding proud to succeed him in that business. I have nothing to add only that I am Sir,

Your most Humble Servt

7 March 1776. Robt Taylor.

To John Hall Esquire.

[Contee to Council.]

Upper Marlbr^{o} March 7, 1776.

Gentlemen. I beg leave to enclose you some accounts from Gentlemen whose waggons & carts were employed in bringing the records to this place The reason the Gentlemen give me for their accounts being so high the waggons &c were detained two days waiting for the records. If you approve of the accounts be pleased to order the amount to be paid Mr Richard Hall.

I am Gen^{t} with great respect, Your most obedient servant

Thos Contee

[P. Thomas to Council.]

Middle District of Fredk County March 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. By the return of the Committee, of the Militia Companies in this District, you will observe that I was chosen Captain of a Company, which I believe was one of the first raised in the Province, and placed in the 4th Battalion ; but my Commission has never come to hand, and to save your Honors the trouble of making one out it is necessary, to inform you that I decline serving in the above capacity, which I am induced to do for these reasons vizt I had the honor to command one of the oldest companies, in this province, and was recommended, by the Committee to the convention, as a proper person to be appointed Col^{n} of the 4th Battalion. They being representatives of the people, and a respectable Body of Men,

I was impressed with a grateful sense of the favor conferred on me. The more so as it was unsolicited. But their recommendation, for reasons which I am in some measure at a loss to suggest, did not meet with the approbation of the convention. And a Lieu[t] of a younger company in another Battalion, who was not recommended by the Committee to any office was appointed, whose experience was not conspicuous, and whose assiduity in promoting the good of the cause we are justly engaged in did not exceed my own, The first Lieu[t] of my company was promoted to the appointment of first major in the same Battalion, by which means, was I to accept of the Commission I should be under the Command of one who was formerly an inferior officer in a younger Company, and of another who was an officer under me, These reasons I hope will appear satisfactory to your honors and Justify my resignation, especially as I find it impracticable for me, with Honor under those circumstances, to render my country that service which I was inclined to do I would not be understood, as it is far from my design, to cast reflections on the conduct of the Convention or that I suspect them of being partial in the above appointments. I rather am inclined to believe it has proceeded from their being deceived by persons who they may have depended on for information in this opinion I am the more confirmed, from the many resignations of Commissions, and from the complaints of the people on account of the appointment of Field officers in this district. I am Gentlemen

C. S. C.

Your very obd[t] serv[t] Philip Thomas

[Rumsey to Council.]

Joppa March 7. 1776.

Gentlemen. I have received a Lre from Lieu[t] Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth of the Head of Elk in Cecil County, relative to the guns in which he informs me that M[r] Johnson had acquainted him that I had some credentials or orders from the Council of Safety to him relative to the making of Arms and praying that if I had to dispatch them forward by the first opportunity as he had given the matter out, that the workmen were dispersed and must be collected again which he was willing to do out of a hearty wish to forward the service. I have wrote him in return that the Council had delayed to answer his Lre until they should be ascertained of getting of locks, that the Difficulty was in some measure removed by the expectation of importing a quantity of them and I did not doubt but the Council would answer his Lre on their getting to Annapolis that it would be necessary he should have a pattern as all the

c. s. c. guns must be made of one bore or calibar and length but that on inspection of my Memorandums I had it not in charge from the Council to make any agreement with him I have a Lre also from my brother Col° of the second Battalion in Cecil. Commissions for our companies in the Battalion are it seems made out the other four have none this creates uneasiness and he cannot altho very desirous of it review them. He says the people are much discontented at the right of election being taken away. There is a Lre from Mr Gilpin on that subject in one of the Bundles. He writes as well as I remember that Mr Ramsay had made out the Commissions and left them at Mr Peals. Mr Duvall promised to get them and send them up it would answer good purposes and avoid a good deal of confusion to have the Commissions in this Battalion filled up. I inclose a commission resigned in Capt Stewarts Com^y in the 8th Battalion with the name of a person indorsed that would be agreeable to the Company to have for their ensign in the Lieu of the ensign resigned and should be oblidged to you to expedite his Commission. There are a good many more vacancies in the 8th Battalion as soon as they can be collected together a list will be laid before you in order that they may be filled up indeed did I know how to do it properly I would do it now as I do not know how soon we may be called out to action your advice to the Commee of Baltimore County of the 5th Instant being laid before me last night with the Brigadiers order to hold ourselves in readiness. The men are undisciplined they therefore more especially require to be full officer'd. But as we may want time to do that I am determined to march with what we have and have wrote circular Lre to my Capt^s to hold themselves & Companies in readiness to march on the first notice I wrote yesterday to Mr Garrett about the Bayonets and shall communicate his answer as soon as received. In conversation with one of the officers of my Battalion he informs me Mr Purviance has made a requisition of the guns which were in the hands of the minute Company in this County that twenty eight had been sent the other two have been carried off by two of the minute Companys who have inlisted in the regular service and are stationed at Baltimore he could not recollect their names. I am Gentlemen :

7th March 1776 Your most humble Servt
Joppa Benjamin Rumsey

[Worcester Co. Committee to Council.]

March the 7, 1776.

In Committee of observation for Worcester County Maryland. In pursuance of the resolves of the Convention, M^r

Jesse Gray made return of his Company of Militia, consisting of eight non commissioned officers and fifty privates by which return it appears that the said Jesse Gray is duly elected as Captain, Jesse Davis as first Lieutenant, James King as second Lieut and Elihu Hazzard as Ensign of said Company. C. S. C.

Signed p order, R. Dennis Clk.

[Jenifer and Hooe to Council.]

Port Tobacco March 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. Captain Conway arrived opposite the mouth of Port Tobacco Creek about 2 oclock this morning & it being calm & an ebb tide he came here for orders about eight oClock. I sent him on board again immediately to proceed up the eastern branch of this river till his vessel was fast on ground & then to deliver the powder to the Committee of Bladensburgh if I am not there without loss of time. The letter from Mr Harrison would have sent by express instantly, but Colo Ware informs me he is pushing for Annapolis & I concluded it would be as soon at hand by him. Mr Harrison writes me that Mr Wicoff of Martinicoe has consigned some medicine to Jenifer & Hooe for sale, I have not recd any directions from him about them, nor even an invoice, it seems his brothers at Philadelphia are to furnish directions about them, & if I find there are such as the province will want, shall delay the sale till I advise you thereof. I imagine Conway will be at Bladensburgh by this evening & some time to morrow I shall be there to receive your orders respecting the further destination of the vessel & the disposal of the powder. There came with Capt Conway a French Capt & 6 sailors by which means after he clears our coast, going out, the E. Men of War cannot sieze him, as he will shew F. Colours, F. papers & a french crew. I scarcely had time to ask either of the Capts any questions, thinking it unsafe to let the vessel lye here a moment, but if I find the frenchman tollerably intelligent I will bring him up from Bladensburgh to Annapolis, As Mr Harrison seems to think he may be a servicable man, if encouraged. Scott it seems is seized, but Mr Harrison has hopes of getting the vessel & cargo again, under some little disadvantages. Capt Conway says there is a great many troops in Martinico, the Frigates & Tenders are watching every Island, he fell in with one but gave her the slip in the night.

I am Gent with the greatest respect.
yr most obt Servts Jenifer & Hooe.

C. S. J. Friday 8 March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Carroll

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County one thousand Pounds Currency on Account of Provision for the Militia now in Baltimore Town.

A Letter was received from the Committee of Observation Baltimore County and answered (Vid N° 38).

Copy of Letter N° 39 was sent to Brigadier General Chamberlaine and a Copy of N° 40, to Captain James Hindman.

Ordered That Major Thomas Price deliver out of the public Magazine to Colonel Rezin Hammond forty Pounds of Powder one hundred and sixty Pounds of Buckshot, and one hundred and twenty Gun-Flints for the use of the Severn Battalion, to be safely kept by him until Necessity of going into actual service may require its being delivered out to the Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 41 was sent to Colonel Joshua Beall.

Ordered, That Captn Pitt and Mr Middleton keep a good Look out in the Bay near the Mouth of this River and see that no Vessel pass out of the Harbour or from below towards the Mouth of Potapsco, unless they have License so to do from the Council of Safety.

Ordered, That Major Tillard deliver to Colonel John Weems or his Order, for the use of the Province, a Barrel of Gun Powder now at Pigg-Point in the Possession of and under the Care of the said Tillard, but that Colonel Weems do not distribute the same among the Companies of his Battalion until the Service of the Public makes it absolutely requisite.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Richard Hall fifty two Pounds Currency to defray the Expence of carting the Records.

Adjourned 'till 3 °Clock and met accordingly.

The Order of the [day for] taking into Consideration the Petition of Henry Ridgely and others, was referred 'till a future Day, to be appointed by the Council; the Elk Ridge Battalion being ordered on Duty to Baltimore Town.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Thomas Hyde fifty five Pounds, one shilling and four Pence half Penny for 3481 lb. Lead.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Youst two Pounds eleven Shillings, and seven Pence Currency for repairing Guns.

Ordered, That Captain Barton Lucas immediately march his Company to their Station at the City of Annapolis.

Copy of Letter N° 42 was sent to the Committee of Alexandria, and Copy of N° 43 to the Committee of Safety of Virginia. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 44 was sent to Mr Carroll.

Adjourned till next Day 9 o'Clock.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 38.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Gent^n^

We received your Letter just now and are glad to hear the Ship Defence has got her Guns and that some of the Powder and Arms we expected had arrived at the Head of Elk. We doubt not your doing every thing for the best in ordering them down—our Commissary is not in Town, we request you will appoint one pro Tempore and take Care that Nothing may be wanted in the Provision Way that may be thought necessary and to put you in Cash have sent you by Capt Hyde £1000 Currency.

Our Information before your Letter came to Hand was that the Ship anchored short of the Mouth of Patapsco, but that the Tenders went forward; we have some Companies out to guard the Shore on this side of Patapsco & as low as the mouth of Magoty River, as yet we have received no Intelligence this Morning we can depend upon from that Quarter.

We doubt not your exerting yourselves on this Occasion for the publick Service and your own Preservation. Mr Carroll is on the Spot and will order Powder and Lead from Major Gaither's, should any be wanted. We yesterday ordered Col° Thomas Dorsey to march with the Elk Ridge Battalion and are making all necessary Dispositions to prevent their Landing in case they should return to Annapolis.

March 9th 10 o'Clock 1776

[Council to Chamberlaine.] No. 39.

To Brigadier-General Chamberlaine.

Sir.

A Ship of War and two Tenders went past this Harbor Yesterday Afternoon on their Way, we imagine, to Baltimore Town. We apprize you of this that you may immediately order your Battalion to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Moments Warning. You will make the best Preparation in your Power, and as the Communication may be cut off between the two Shores, which may prevent our giving particular Instructions, and as some Efforts may be made to land

C. S. C. among you with a View of getting Provision, we desire you will order and direct them as Exigencies may require and endeavour to repel any hostile Attempts which may be made within your District. Mr Thomas Smyth is now at Charles Town and we request you will advise with him occasionally.

March 9th 1776

No. 40. [Council to J. Hindman.]

To Capt. James Hindman.

Sir.

Your Request with Regard to Mr Frazer hath been complied with; he has got his Commission made out.

We have some Linen and Cloth, but we doubt not enough for the Battalion and Independent Companies, therefore get for yourself if you can, if not we will endeavour to supply you. Hats we will procure at Baltimore Town. Blankets and Guns you may get for yourself at reasonable Prices. Our Arms are very slow in coming from the Northward and few have been made. The Man of War and Tenders have gone past this Town towards Baltimore, you must be on your guard and spirit up your Company to attend their Motions, in Case they should attempt Landing. We think you ought not to go to Philadelphia until this alarm is over.

10th March 1776

No. 41. [Council to Beall.]

To Col^o^ Joshua Beall.

Sir. A man of war and two Tenders passed this Harbour Yesterday Afternoon and we imagine are destined to Baltimore; but as it is altogether uncertain what their Designs are, and as we wish to put the Province in the best State of Defence our Circumstances will admit of, we request you will immediately meet your Battalion and hold them in Readiness to meet at a Moment's Warning upon the further Orders of the Council.

No. 42. [Council to Alexandria Committee.]

To the Committee of Alexandria.

Gent^n^

A ship of war (which we take to be the Liverpool) and two Tenders passed by the City up the Bay yesterday Afternoon and came to Anchor off the Mouth of Potapsco whence we conclude they are destined to Baltimore Town. They took a

New-England Schooner out of Patuxent on Tuesday as they came up, & two or three other small Vessels yesterday. We expect every moment to be informed from Baltimore by Express of their Movements which we will communicate to you, but as probably they are gone there with a View to take what Vessels they can meet with and particularly our Ship Defence & on their Return may pay you a Visit, We think it proper to apprize you of their Proceedings by this Opportunity that you may make the best Preparation in your Power for their Reception if they should venture up Potowmack C. S. C.

9th March 1776

[Council to Virginia Committee.] No. 43.

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gentn

At 8 °Clock on Tuesday Night our two Pilot Boats returned to this Place with Intelligence that a Man of War and two Tenders were pushing up the Bay, that in the Mouth of Patuxent River they made Prize of a New England Vessel and that we might hourly expect them off our Harbours. We immediately dispatched Expresses to Baltimore Town and other Parts of the Province with Orders for the Militia to hold themselves in Readiness to march. The high Wind all day on Wednesday prevented these armed Vessels proceeding up the Bay. Yesterday half past three. post Meridiem they hove in Sight and pushed fast up the Bay, having taken several small Vessels on their Way. The Ship which we imagine to be the Liverpool, came to an Anchor last Night off the Mouth of Potapsco River, the Tenders kept under Sail. Early this Morning the Ship weighed and we presume proceeded up Potapsco to take or destroy our Ship Defence and a large Ship loaded with Wheat & Flour by Permission of the Congress. Whether the Ship Defence with a Battery hastily thrown up will be sufficient to defeat the hostile Attempt we cannot say but we are confident if a Landing is attempted either at Baltimore Town or this Place that the enemy will be defeated. We are with the greatest regard.

9th March 1776

P. S. 9 oclock P: M: we have this Moment received certain Intelligence that the Man of War is the Otter Sloop with two Tenders, one of six Carriage-Guns and the other Swivels only; that they have taken the Ship loaded with Wheat and Flour which unluckily happened to be aground at the Mouth of Potapsco & that they are proceeding up the River to take or destroy the Ship Defence. Fresh Provisions also we believe is their Object.

C. S. C. No. 44.

[Jenifer and Council to Barrister Carroll.]

Annapolis ten oclock at night Friday

My dear Barrister.

Mr Eddis is this moment returned from the Otter Sloop of War and brought a letter from Capt Squire to the Governor, a copy of it I send you. As I expected so it has turned out that the man of war was detained three or four hours and in all probability will not be before Baltimore Town 'till seven or eight oclock in the morning. I therefore send you this express to apprize you and the Committee of Balt. Town that the Otter has 18 guns, one of the Tenders six guns and 4 swivels and the other armed with swivels only. The Capt is to send a flag in to demand the ship Defence, I wish with all my heart our stores were out and the ship at the bottom of the sea. Eddis left the man of war at 4 oclock, about which time Hudson's ship was taken. The Committee of Balt Town being apprized of these particulars will take their measures accordingly. Squire behaved politely to Middleton when in distress and was he to come here in peaceable times I should be glad to shew him the civility due to a gentleman but I think he will have better luck than I expect he will meet with if he purchases much provision in Annapolis. The Vessel burnt off the mouth of Severn Squire says was done without order and done by an inconsiderate midshipman. She was worth but little and had only two barrels of Flour in her I believe.

Sir.

We inclose you an order for Capt. Stricker's company to march down to Baltimore Town instead of coming to Annapolis if you think it necessary. When the man of war leaves Balt Town and comes down this way you will be pleased to order them to Annapolis. Nothing new has happened since writing you last night. Stricker has already been ordered here your express may be directed to meet him.

We are your mo. obedt Servts

To. C. Carroll Esq.

Original.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Balto. 1 o'Clock Frid. Morng

Gentlemen. We are much obliged for your information. We yesterday sent an Express to Phila to forward our powder & small arms, and also to the head of Elk to prevent it coming down by Water. Capt Nicolson's Guns are just now arrived, & alongside, & he will be in a very good posture of Defence by sunrise tomorrow. We have hove up a Brest work at

Fells Point near the ship and shall get several cannon mounted on it by 8 oClock. Major Gist & the Regulars are all marched to Whetstone to intrench tonight The Militia are coming in, no commissary is in town to furnish Provisions, we have therefore directed some Beef & Bread to be provided. We have just got information that the Ship of War is at the Mouth of the River with her Tenders, the ship came to an anchor, but the Tenders kept under sail, we fear Mr Hudsons ship will fall into their Hands as she is aground near North Point, three vessells went to lighten her, but seeing the war vessels they would not stay. We want money & hope you will send us immediately what you may think adequate to the present occasion. We shall take every measure we think necessary for our preservation. And are Gent^n^

Your most obed^t^ Servt^s^
Saml Purviance Junr Chair^n^ Willm Lux,
Jno Cockey John Moale And. Buchanan,
Willm Aisquith Wm Buchanan

Mr Usher just now arrived from Head of Elk & brings us advice of 36 Bls powder & 12 chests of Arms being arrived there & being put on board a Pilot boat w^h^ we sent off express yesterday, & who had our orders to run into Gunpowder or Back River in case any appear^e^ of Danger. We are Gent^n^

Yours &c. Saml Purviance Junr

To the Hon^l^ the Council of Safety of M^d^

[Purviance to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Dear Sir: I did not know until I had finished the inclosed that the bearer did not intend to call on Mr Carroll as that letter represents our present situation I thou^t^ it as well it should go forw^d^ to you. I hope in god by tomorrow night to furnish you a good acco^t^ of the tenders & Hudsons ship, & that the issue of this affair will reflect some little Honour on the spirit of Maryland: At 3 oclock yest^d^ our Militia companies in town were paraded at the Comm^ee^ room when at the very Ins^t^ a false alarm came from the point that the ship of wars boats were standing up to cut of some empty vesl^s^ we had collected & got ready to sink across the river at Whetstone in case the ship should come up before we could get our breast works & the ship defence completed. A deput^n^ of the Com^ee^ were appointed to sit & give all orders before the alarm spread, but such was the ardor of the Militia that not a man w^d^ stay in commee room with me but Mr Harrison; The ardor & spirit of our inhabitants has convinced me they

c. s. c. will behave bravely. I never was better pleased than at their conduct on the Alarm, I am convinced we shall in a very short time have our town in a very respectable state of defence, & that will be convinced th^t^ care of us will not be thrown away in our [case]. I never saw the Barrister in better spirits than yesterday, He was immediately at the point on the Alarm being spread. Capt Saml Smiths whole Company as I believe are gone volunteers on board Nicholson & many others w^d^ have gone had he room or service for them. By a proposal w^h^ our Commee offered betw^n^ 3 & 4 oClock yest^d^ of giving 8 Dll^rs^ p week for two weeks to any brave sailors w^h^ w^d^ instantly go on board we in less than half an hour got near a dozen brave fellows & several masters of ships to go on board & in half an hour after had the ship under way: And several others offer to go in the Sch^r^ I found this bold stroke absolutely necessary as the ship was really poorly off for sailors & the Capt seemed to have no great depend^e^ on his marines. Your letter with the thous^d^ pounds by Capt Hyde I rec^d^ before sunset. I hope you will be perfectly easy ab^t^ y^r^ Safety at Annapolis. Im certain Nicholson will at least give the otter a Convoy past y^r^ post, for Gods sake let not the Cont^ts^ of my letter to the barrester be made too public, lest any Intellig^ce^ should be conveyed to Capt Squire to apprize him of our designs

Im Dr Sir. Your very respectful hble Servt

Saml Purviance Junr

To the Hon^l^ Danl of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

[Wickham to Council.]

Gent. I am Confined (as I understand by your order) should be glad to know what charge against me, as I am ready to answer. I have business of some consequence to do at Malborough therefore if Convenient to you would take my trial this afternoon. I apprehend that in all Criminal Cases the Culprit is so far indulged as to have a Copy of the Charge against him and his accusers face to face. I have the honor to be Gen^t^ Your very humble Servant

Alexander Wickham

Annapolis Guard house 8th March 1776.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.]

Sir. Rec^d^ yours by express shall collect my Battalion with all speed and repair to Baltimore Town, with all speed, I Hope to be at Town by two oClock this day, I have the Honor to be sir

Your Humble Servt

Friday 7 oClock Elk Ridge: Thomas Dorsey.

To the Hon^l^ Danl of St Thos Jenifer.

[J. A. Thomas to Council.] C. S. C.

Leonard Town 8th March 1776.

Gent On Tuesday last in the afternoon I received advice that three armed vessels were in and near the mouth of Patuxent, that one of them had taken a vessel laden with Flour bound to Casco Bay. On the above notice (as soon as it was possible) we marched down to the mouth of Patuxent but before we could do any thing we were obliged to borrow all the arms from one Company of the militia and those but very indifferent indeed so bad that twould be cruel to set men to work with them the company from whom I borrowed the arms are at this moment in the greatest want of them, as we have certain intelligence of a man of War a large armed sloop being at this time riding in Potomac. The militia are thro this county in a most defenceless state, and my Company if possible in a much worse one. I have therefore sent Mr Steward up to you requesting to have the arms allotted for us, if you have them not, Mr Steward says he can purchase them, besides the arms we want more ammunition, and it is impossible to do any thing without them, This County being so particularly circumstanced I intreat you to allow Mr Steward to look out for arms for us, under the exigency of affairs I submit it whether twould not be better to form my company into two and make them sixty eight non Comd officers, privates, with the proper Comd officers. If you should approve of this arrangement, I would take the Liberty to recommend to your notice, two young Gent who have entered Cadets in my Company and who will fill (in my opinion) it very well the stations of third Lieutenants. I have stationed half my Company at the mouth of Patuxent, and half (as soon as quarters can be got) will be stationed at the mouth of Potomac this will put it out of the power of Mr Ford, to provide for them. I have therefore contracted for a considerable quantity of Pork and Bread which will serve the men on Patuxent a month or more, and Mr Neal goes off directly to the mouth of Potomac to get Provisions and quarters for the troops there. As the exigency of affairs would not permit me to consult you I have in every step that I have yet taken consulted the principal Gent of the place who have unanimously agreed to the steps that I have taken, but if they are judged by you to be improper I beg to be immediately advised and you may rely that every order from you shall be strictly complied with: I mentioned in my last the necessity of having a horse for expresses and any other uses, I now see the necessity more than ever, the hiring of horses is attended with great delay, and frequently not to be got, I therefore request that you will let me purchase one I know the public will be advantaged by it. I also mentioned

C. S. C. to you the necessity of having two drummers and Fifers, indeed little can be done without them I beg you will allow Mr Steward to get them at any rate if purchased they are the servants of the public and their wages (if they live) will soon pay for them, tho times are such that I hope you will not stand for trifles. Cartridge paper is indispensibly necessary I beg we may have some permit me to press you to consider the naked situation of the County and to request that Mr Steward may be allowed to look out for arms &c. The money you ordered me is all expended and the people not yet supplied or near it with Clothes & Blankets, I beg you will send me a sum of money immediately, the purchase of Provisions Clothes &c exclusive of the money already received will take at least between two & three hundred pounds. I hope I may not be stinted for I have but little Cash of my own indeed what I have has been expended in the service and the public is now considerably in my debt. The men are allowed rum & molasses neither of which articles can be got here, I wish some method could be fallen upon to get us some. If you think proper to form two companies I hope the Gen^ln^ now in my Company will not be overlooked they well deserve your notice and the two young Gen^t^ Cadets, their names are Robert Chesley and Henry Carberry. For any particulars Mr Steward will wait on you to give you any necessary information.

I am Gen^t^ Your most ob^t^ hble Servt
Jn. A. Thomas.

Original. [Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gentlemen. On talking with the Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for this town I find they will be much in want of Provision for the Men now here, as the Commissary is not to be found. They have I think made a reasonable agreement to have the Men supply^d^ with Victuals ready drest at 1/ p^r^ Head. At their desire I sent the Inclosed Letter to Col^o^ Thos Dorsey, my Reason for sending it to him was his having had Orders to hold his Men in readiness from the Council, I suppose therefore they would be prepared to March.

They have here about 300^lb^ of Powder, if more should be wanting I shall give them an order for some on Capt Gaither, as I recollect he has the keeping of some belonging to the Province. There was an immediate want of a Surgeon for the Ship Defence, neither the Surgeon we had thought of or his Mate being here, I therefore directed Doct^r^ Wiesenthall to appoint Mr Coulter or some other, and to get all the Lint Bandages &c he could, for the Payment of which he should have an order. Brigadier Buchanan finds himself much dis-

trest for want of Field Officers, as there is an Immediate necessity for them, he would be glad Blank commissions ready Signd coud be sent up for one Battallion. Think of it, and if it can be done, we will pitch on proper Persons here. They are in want of Lead about 1500 will do, they will be glad you will dispatch a Cart with it to Hammonds Ferry. They would be glad you coud spare the Large Rifles.

I am with respect Gen^{t} y^{r} mo^{t} ob^{t} Ser^{t} Charles Carroll.

Baltimore Town March 8th 1776.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Carroll of Carrollton to Dorsey.] C. S. C.

Sir. I left the Council of Safety yesterday in the afternoon after the man of war & her Tenders had passed the mouth of our River, if any place is in Danger of an immediate attack I think it will be the Town of Baltimore and on talking with their Committee of observation I find they have men enough but they are very badly armed I think therefore it will be proper that you march your Battalion or all the companies of men in it that have serviceable arms with all expedition to this Town, unless you have express directions from the Council of Safety to go with your Battalion to some other place they will confirm this order of mine

Balt^{o} Town March 8th 1776. I am &c. C. C.

To Col^{o} Thos Dorsey:

Saturday 9th March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 45 was sent to Mr Carroll inclosing a Copy of Letter N° 46 to Captain Stricker.

Copy of Letter N° 47 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County deliver to Col^{o} John Weems or his Order one Barrel of Gun-Powder purchased of Mr West.

Ordered, That Major Price deliver to Colonel Weems two hundred Gun Flints.

Adjourned 'till 3 o'Clock and met accordingly.

Ordered, That Captain Thomas Woolford's independent Company of regular Troops be stationed at Cambridge in Dorchester County.

Ordered That Captain James Hindman's Company of regular Troops be stationed at Oxford in Talbot County.

C. S. J. Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct^{r} Michael Wallace five Pounds Currency for Lint.

Copy of Letter N° 48 was sent to the Committee of Observation of Dorchester County.

Ordered, That Captain John Gunby's independent Company of regular Troops be stationed at Princess-Anne in Somerset County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captain Gunby one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of his Company. Copy of Letter N° 49 was sent to Captain Gunby.

Ordered, That Colonel John Weems be directed to order two Companies of his Battalion well armed into the City of Annapolis, and hold the Rest of his Men ready to repel any Hostilities, that may be attempted against any Part of the Coast in his Department by the Sloop of War or either of her Tenders, who are now off the Mouth of the River Severn.

Copy of Letter N° 50 was sent to Mr Carroll and the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County.

Ordered That Colonel John Weems be directed to march the Remainder of his Battalion now at London Town and all the Militia in his Department, that he can get together, who have not appeared there, and station them at proper Places to guard the Shore, where the sloop of War or her Tenders are most likely to attempt Landing.

Adjourned till next Day 9 o'Clock

C. S. C. No. 45.

[Council to Barrister Carroll.]

To Charles Carroll Esqr

Sir.

We inclose you an Order for Captain Stricker's Company to march down to Baltimore Town, instead of coming to Annapolis, if you think it necessary: when the Man of War leaves Baltimore Town and comes down this Way, you will be pleased to order them to Annapolis. Nothing new has happened since writing you last Night. Stricker has been already ordered here, your Express may be directed to meet him.

9th March 1776.

No. 46.

[Council to Stricker.]

To Captain George Stricker.

Sir.

If you should receive Instructions either from Charles Carroll Esqr or the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County to

march to Baltimore Town, you are with the utmost Expedition C. S. C
to proceed to that Place, we having empowered them to order you there, if they should think it necessary. As soon as the ship of War sails from thence, you are to proceed immediately to Annapolis, such Baggage as may be necessary for you at Baltimore Town you will carry with you, but the Residue with the spare Arms you will order to proceed directly here under a Guard.

9th March 1776.

[Council to Talbot Committee.] No. 47.

To the Committee of Talbot County

Gentn

Alexr. Wickham was apprehend and brot before us Yesterday in consequence of a letter from Mr Saml Sharpe to Messrs Wallace and Davidson setting forth that the said Wickham was a Person inimical to the Liberties of this Country and was suspected of being on his Way to Lord Dunmore. As the trial of Wickham before our Board would at this time interfere with Business of great Importance to the Province, and as the Witnesses on both sides reside on the Eastern Shore we have thought proper to send him under the custody of Lieut Frazier to your Committee in Order that you may try and determine the Truth of the Offence laid to his Charge. You will therefore proceed to make the proper Enquiry into this Matter and conduct yourself therein as you shall judge most conducive to the Public Good.

12th March 1776

[Council to Dorchester Committee.] No. 48.

To the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County

Gentn

We have received your letter recommending the Town of Cambridge as the most convenient and proper Place for the independent company of your county to be stationed at,—and as we approve of that Place we have ordered Capt Woolford to station his Company there.

[Council to Gunby.] No. 49.

To Captain John Gunby

Sir.

We approve of your Conduct in providing Houses, Bedding, Fuel and Utensils for your Company & inclose an Order on

C. S. C. the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore in your Favour for £150 to disburse the Expences you have incurred in these Matters and subsisting your Recruits. If that is not sufficient you shall be provided with a further Sum. We are not yet supplied with Arms and therefore cannot now furnish you, but will as soon as we are able. By the inclosed you will observe your Company is to be stationed at Princess Anne agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee of Observation of your County for which we thank them.

10th March 1776

No. 50.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To C. Carroll Esqr & of the Committee
Observation for Baltimore County

Annapolis Saturday 12 °Clock at night.

Gentn

Half past three oclock this Afternoon the Otter with her Tenders hove in sight, Half past five a Flag was sent with a Letter to the Governor a Copy of which with his Answer you have inclosed. We informed you last Night that very little Provision would fall to their share, this we confirm. We are well prepared to repell any Attempts they may make to land. You will now have no Occasion for Stricker's Company, therefore if you have ordered him to Baltimore Town, countermand it. The President and Mr Tilghman conferred with two Officers that came on Shore to attend the Flag. They confessed one of their Tenders was in great danger of being taken, but that Capt Squires bore away to prevent great Effusion of Blood. But we conceive that he will loiter about 'till he is reinforced. We perceived a small Vessel making down the Bay not unlikely with Intelligence to the King-Fisher who the Flag said, might be expected to relieve the Otter. Therefore you will be pleased to provide against the worst. We cannot sufficiently commend those brave Sons of Liberty who this Day stood forth so gallantly in Defence of their Country Be assured that we shall afford them every assistance in our power.

10th March 1776

[Purviance to Carroll of Carrollton.]

Baltimore 5 oClock Satd Mornge

Dear Sir. I'm obliged to you for Mr Jenifers Letter, I am so perfectly easy about the ship of War disturbing us that I

shall not on that score awaken any body till morn^g^ The Elk Ridge Battalion came in late this evening, I was raised at one oClock to receive a letter from Col^o^ Lee which I sent off at that Hour by a person who would convey it directly to Capt Nicholson. I let him know that the Committee had determ^d^ to fit out the Sch^r^ we talked of I hoped to have her ready to sail by 2 oClock & that our main design in it was to strengthen him with a fresh reinforcem^t^ of hands should he be weakened by taking & manning any of the tenders or Hudsons ship. I thought it of much import^ce^ that Nicholson should immediately know of our intention to strengthen him. I recomm^d^ to him to tow all night in order if possible to be up or nearly so with Hudsons ship before day light, lest the tenders seeing him coming might have time to escape him. I am perfectly satisfied from every thing I have heard of the Otter, that Nicholson is very capable of taking her, if he can be so lucky as to catch the largest sloop of which I think there is the greatest probability. I have not a doubt we can have o^r^ selv^s^ ready in the time I ment^d^ & to have her well mand with brave Fellows C. S. C.

I am Dr Sir

Y^r^ very hble Servt Saml Purviance Junr

The Brass Field Pieces for Virg^a^ are come & I shall detain them at least one day till the matter is nearer issue:

To the Hon^l^ Charles Carroll Esqr

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original

Baltimore 9 oClock Saturday Night

Gentlemen. We have just received an Express from Capt Nicolson that he had retaken Mr Hudsons ship with every thing on board safe, and that he was taking out some of the Flour in the retaken vessels, 5 in number, and we also sent 2 vessels more to lighten her, so that we hope to have the ship up tomorrow. We have also taken other expresses who left North Point at 4 oClock & sunset with advice that the Otter stood down the bay with her Tenders & 4 Prizes about 4 oClock, as she has been disappointed here, its probable she may call on you, & therefore we send you the quickest intelligence; as this menuvre may be a feint to deceive us, we shall not relax a moment in making every preparation to repel their attempts. We are fitting out a Sch^r^ of 8 guns which will be ready by 12 oClock tomorrow to assist Capt Nicolson in case of need. We have much pleasure in informing you of the readiness and alacrity of the Militia to march to our assistance. The present confusion has prevented making up the accot^s^ of our expenditure of the money for the Fortification, and there-

fore desire you will please to send us £1000 by the first good conveyance as we are pushing with double diligence and consequently double expence. We have the Honor to be Gent[a] Your most obed[t] servt[s]

Will[m] Lux, An[d] Buchanan, John Moale
Jn[o] Smith, W[m] Buchanan

The Commanding Officer of the Regulars stationed here is much wanted:

To the Hon[l] the Council of Safety of M[d]

Original. [Virginia Committee to Council.]

Williamsburg March 9th 1776.

Gentlemen: The great length of Potomack River from its mouth to Alexandria where men of war can go & the probability of some attempts being made by the enemy in that Quarter make it prudent in our opinion to erect beacons or signals for communicating intelligence of their approach up the river in a more speedy manner than can be done by land. We have therefore appointed Colonel Mercer of the third & Colonel Peachey of the fifth Regiment to examine the river & fix the different posts & mode of continuing these Signals, but as we are aware that the course of the river will make it necessary that many of them should be set in your Province, we hope you will approve the measure & name Commissioners on your part to co-operate with the above named Gentlemen in effecting it. We hear of no more naval arrivals & the former quiet as to depredations on shore & up the rivers, confining themselves to seisures in the Bay when they have an opportunity. We have had no intelligence of General Clinton since he went out:

We are Gentlemen your most obedient Servants, For the Commee of Safety of Virginia. Edm[d] Pendleton, S.

C. S. C. [J. A. Thomas to Council.]

S[t] Marys County 9th March 1776.

Gen[t] Since my last I have contracted for a number of Gun locks which will be sent up by the Post, In my last I mentioned my having stationed a Part of my Company at the Mouth of Patuxent River, and the rest will go to the Lower Part of the County on Potomack as soon as Provision can be made for them, which is here extremely difficult to be done, If I may be allowed, I will immediately go to the eastern shore and get a quantity of Pork and Hogs Lard, I suppose fifty barrels of Pork would be sufficient for my Company until the Fall, pro-

vided I could get a Siene for each division of the Company, C. S. C.
and every mess furnished with a frying pan. My Company being stationed in a Fish Country a great saving to the public might be made by furnishing the men with materials for catching & dressing them. If you think proper that I should look out for Provision be pleased to inform me by Return of Mr Steward and give me leave to draw on the treasury for the Purchase Money. I hope tis now in your Power to furnish us with more ammunition, and the Arms allotted for my Company When we get the Arms be pleased also to supply me with a quantity of Cartridge Paper. The Men are in great want of hats & Breeches be pleased to forward them to me as soon as possible. This County being in so very defenceless a situation obliges me to press you for the supply of arms and I hope will sufficiently plead my excuse for so repeatedly pressing you for them. If you should employ Mr Steward in any way so that his return here, will be impeaded be pleased to fall upon some method of advising me as soon as possible. a letter sent by Coll° Fitzhugh will quickly come to hand.

I am in great want of Rum for the men, if it be possible send me some } I am Gen^t^ y^r^ hble Servt J. A. Thomas.

[Johnson to Council.] Original.

Phil^a^ 9 March 1776.

Gent^t^ Capt Tibbett has this moment arrived the vessell he went out in is sold & he is in an armed vessell he has only about 2000 lb of powder about 6 Tons of lead Duck Ozn^s^ &c. the vessel is on her way to the City we shall send forward the Effects as well as the powder borrowed from our province by Virg^a^ which is ordered out of a very scanty Stock to be returned

I am Gen^t^ very respectfully

Your most obed^t^ Servt Th. Johnson Junr

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Johnson and Alexander to Council.] Original.

Phil^a^ Sat. Ev. 9 March 1776.

Gent. Immediately on Receit of a Letter from Mr Purviance by express advising us of a Man of War, being in your Bay, we applied to Congress for one Ton of Powder, which was readily granted, the Delegates of Virg^a^ had sent off one Ton in a Waggon, this without sollicitation they offered us & we excepted & have sent their order to the Waggoner to proceed to Balt. We had an order for 1875 due Maryland from Congress & this Day Capt Tibbit arrived from Statia with about

one Ton of Powder for our Province. We have dispatched the Powder to Chris Bridge as Waggons are not to be had here & have wrote different Gent at the Bridge & Head of Elk to assist in forwarding the Powder to Balt. Town.

We are Gen^{t} Your very affec^{t} friends & servt^{s}
Th. Johnson R. Alexander.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland :

C. S. C.

[Haslett to Council.]

May it please your Honours Gentlemen of the Council you will see by the inclosed the vacancy that has happened in my company and for what reason I would beg leave to request the favour of you to remove Mr Christopher Driver from being ensign to be first Lieut & Mr Robert Postelwait to be ensign for said Company all which I hope will turn out for good to the Common case. I am Gentlemen

Your very humble Servt Wm Haslett

Caroline County Choptank Bridge March 9th 1776.

[Birkhead to Chew.]

Dear Sir. As we are informed by a man from Mr Steward this morning that the man of war is gone to Baltimore your friends here desires that you will return as soon as possible if can get of and we never have stood in so much danger as at this time for we expect by the man of War and tenders that is below to be on us every minute and nobody to stand by us Mr Steward has got all his company along the swamp so we see no reason why we should not have ours so and we pray and beg that you will return with all speed by the request of all your neighbours. From your ready friend,

March 9th 1776. Samuel Birkhead

P. S. All the families on the bay is moving away we expect to be cut of every hour.

To Capt Richard Chew :

[Barrister Carroll to Jenifer.]

My dear Major. I write to the Council yesterday morning w^{h} I hope they have received since that yours of yesterday evening came to hand at three oClock this morning I immediately dispatched it to the Committee of Balt Town and Mr Purviance tells me he wrote you an answer. We got the Ship

Defence into the river this morning and she has retaken Mr C. S. C.
Hudson's ship and now lies in the river a little below her, under no great apprehension I fancy of the otter. We had intelligence this afternoon that Squires had run on ground on the Bodkin Point, I hope it may be true, if it should prove so we may perhaps add one more ship to our stock. We are getting a Tender ready that will mount 8 or 10 carriage guns 3 pounders she with the Defence will I think be a match for the otter and her Companions. I am Positive Nicholson & his ships Company think so, a set of finer or more spirited fellows I really never saw, & if we can, as I hope we shall, get the tender ready by to morrow morg they will push for an engagement & I really am not in much doubt of success. I cannot conceive that the council of safety can be prejudiced in the opinions of the Gent of Baltimore by any insinuations against their conduct by Mr Ruben or any other person, I have not heard them say a single word against the Governmt sending Mr Eddis on board the Otter (tho I confess I wish some other person had been pitched upon) on the Contrary I believe they think the delay occasioned by that step was advantageous to them. I am sure I think it was very much so, I really had myself extremely fatigued with this Constant Hurry of Business, Indeed I am almost ready to sink under it, however I will push for Annapolis if possible the moment things are settled here.

I am sincerely Dr Majr yr affect. Hble Servt
Mount Clare March 9th 1776 Charles Carroll
To the Honble Danl of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

[John to Richard Chew.]

Dear Brother. I am at my moths now moveing her furnature there is a man of war at the mouth of the river and two tenders. I hope you will let me know by a line how the case is is with you my mother has sent a boy with six blancoats

From your affect Brother. John Chew.
March 9th 1776.

Peggy and child is well Mamas love to you all dont let Lockey enrole.

To Capt Richard Chew.

[Report of Weem's Battalion.]

The return of the 31st Battalion under the Command of Colo John Weems now at London Town viz

C. S. C. Capt Thomas Watkins Company a p Muster Rool, 77
Now present 12 officers 70 privates Guns 60.
Capt William Bragdens Compy p muster rool 80
Now present 12 officers, 49 privates Guns 41
Capt Edward Tillards Compy p muster rool 73
Now present 12 officers 38 privates Guns 36.
Capt Abraham Simmons Compy p muster rool 65
Now present 9 officers 39 privates Guns 30
Capt John Deale's Compy p muster rool 65
Now present 11 officers 34 privates Guns 28.
Capt Richard Chews Compy p muster rool 54
Now present 12 officers 26 privates Guns 30.
Capt Richard Weems Compy p muster rool 45
Now present 8 officers, 28 privates, Guns 21
Field officers 4
Commission & non Comn officers . 76
privates present 284
Muskets 246

Signed pr order
March 9th 1776. Saml Harrison clk.

[Purviance (?) to Griffith.]

Mr Benjn Griffith.

Sir.

I fancy from what I hear that you mistook the directions I gave you. They were only that you should get the vessels ready for sinking and not to sink them immediately. I would not have them sink till you are ordered to do so by Capt. Nicholson.

And are &c

March 9th 1776

C. S. J. Sunday 10th March 1776

Council met. Present as yesterday.

A Letter from Captain Squire of the Otter Sloop of War, to his Excellency the Governor together with his Excellency's Answer thereto, were communicated to the Council, upon which a Copy of Letter N° 51 was sent to his Excellency by the Council.

An Express was sent to Col° Thomas Dorsey directing him to discharge the Battalion of Militia under his Command.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County one thousand Pounds Currency on Account of the Fortifications erecting there.

Ordered, That Major Gist deliver to Lieutenant John Steward one hundred Cartouch Boxes. C. S. J.

Ordered, That Colonel Francis Ware send fifteen hundred Weight of Lead immediately to the Committee of Baltimore County.

Copy of Letter N° 52 was sent to Mr Carroll and Baltimore Committee.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 o'Clock.

[Council to Eden.] C. S. C. No. 51.

To his Excellency Robt Eden Esqr

Sir.

Your Excellency will be pleased to inform Captain Squire, that the Time has been, when we should have thought it an honor and would with Pleasure have supplied any of his Majesty's Ships with Provision, and are still not destitute of Hope, a Time may yet come when we may enjoy that Satisfaction.

We have always considered Capt. Squires as a Man of Humanity and a Gentleman, and as such cannot account for the burning of a Vessel in full View of the People of this City, as if meant to add Insult to Misfortune already too severely felt by the People of this Province, who were always attached to his Majesty and his Family, And who cannot be reprobated for defending themselves against any Invasion of their native and Charter-Rights. We are willing to believe and shall be glad of being confirmed therein, that this Step was not in Consequence of any Order from him.

We are much obliged to your Excellency for the Paines you have taken to preserve the Peace of this Province and beg that you will still exert your Endeavours for the Restoration of those happy days that we enjoyed under a constitutional Dependence on the Mother Country.

March 10th 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 52.

To Charles Carroll Esq. and the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Dear Sir.

We are much hurried—the hostile Fleet are sailed down the Bay and we are confident they will return in two or three Days, therefore prepare for your Defence. We ordered Part of Colo. Weems's Battalion at 12 °clock last Night to guard West River and at 12 o'Clock to-Day which was the Time the Otter was weighing Anchor, ordered the Remainder of that

c. s. c. Battalion to hasten down along the Bay-Side toward the Mouth of Patuxent & to shew themselves ready to oppose any Attempts of Landing, and if they should land without a Flag to fight it out to the last with them. The £1000 you mention shall be sent by the first Opportunity. We have a great Deal to say to you and shall be glad to see you to Morrow or next Day. We are all worn to the Stumps.

10th March 1776

[Frederick Committee to Council.]

Fred. Town March 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. Agreeable to order we have sent by the bearer Lawrence Prengle all the musquets we have, that is in order being eighty four and also fifteen hundred gun flints: Mr Prengle will lay before you an account for waggonage what we have will be paid.

I am Gentlemen in behalf of the Committee
Your most hble Servt
John Hanson jr chairman

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gentn Yours of last night gave me no small satisfaction but we have since receiving it heard that a large ship & some small vessels are discovered from North Point working up the Bay, whatever they may turn out to be we shall here propose to receive them as there are a great number of men in town Colo Dorsey has been directed to march back his Battalion to Elk river but will keep them together at Elk Ridge landing till he hears from you by express whether they are wanted at Annapolis. Pray dispatch your orders to him directly. I understand from you that you are at Annapolis sufficiently prepared to oppose the landing of any men from the Otter or her tenders. The Commee of Balt County had likewise before receiving your letter directed their light infantry company to march to your assistance it is now countermanded but they will most readily send you on notice any assistance in their power as no orders have been sent to Capt Stricker to come to this town, I suppose he will continue his march to Annapolis. I am sorry to acquaint you that there is some probability that the powder and arms we expected from Philada are seized by one of the tenders. In the great hurry and confusion in order to furnish some of the militia many of the cartridge boxes were delivered out to them wh perhaps may not be got again. we must not mind these small losses. it is the

general sentiment of the people here that Capt Squires should not be supplied with provision & I hope he will not be permitted to seize the new england sloop. C. S. C.

I am respectfully Gen^{t} Y^{r} mo^{t} obd^{t} Servt
Balt. Town March 10th 1776. Charles Carroll

[Beall to Council.]

Bladensburgh 10th March 1776.

Gentlemen. on the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant I had ordered my Battalion to rendevous about half way between this & Queen Ann. But as we yesterday evening & this morning rec^{d} at this place 51 whole & one broken barrel & twenty kegs of gun powder & twelve muskets, I have altered the place of rendevous to this town. As by your orders I am to hold my Battalion in readiness to march at a moments warning I shall keep them or such part of them as can be tollerably armed, on duty till I receive your farther orders thereon: I hope by the return of this messenger I shall receive your orders as well with respect to my conduct in keeping the whole or a part of the Battalion on duty, as likewise with respect to the disposition of the powder, as it may not be altogether safe to keep the powder near the navigable waters; If there should not be an immediate call for it, I think Snowdens iron works would be a proper place to lodge it, as it will be nearly convenient to Annapolis Baltimore & this place.

I am Gent^{n} your most Obed^{t} Hum^{l} Servt
Jos^{a} Beall.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 9 oClock Sunday morn^{g}

Gent^{n} Our Committee have reced through Mr Carroll your favor of 12 oClock last night, he has wrote our Sentiments. We have just got the Defence & her Prize safe anchord at the Point. If you want any assistance from us in men we will fly to your assistance. Pray send the Lead we wrote for.

We are Gen^{t} y^{r} mo obed^{t} Servt Willm Lux
And. Buchanan J^{r} To^{y} Chase
Jno Smith Wm Buchanan

We are sorry to inform you that 4 out of 5 cannon at Mr Hughes burst & killed poor Matthews. Mr Smith is just ret^{d}

To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^{d}

C. S. C. [Brice to Council.]

Honored Sirs. Having it not in my Power to procure Salt being in the service at the time, it was to be disposed of in the province also being still engaged it will not be in my power to get any. I will take it as a particular favr if you'l oblige me with a bushel as my family will be very much distressed for the want of it. Your compliance will infinately oblige Hd Sirs, Your most obedt most Hble Servt Jacob Brice

Tuesday morning

C. S. J. Monday 11th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Orders were sent to Brigadier General Chamberlaine and Colonel Joshua Beall respectively to discharge their Militia

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds Currency for Expresses and other Purposes.

Ordered, That Colonel John Weems be directed to march his Militia, or such of them, as may be necessary to repel any Attempt that now is, or may be made by the Otter Sloop or her Tenders at the Mouth of Fishing Creek, as also to be ready to assist the Calvert Militia. Colonel Ware was ordered down to take the Command of the Militia.

Copy of Letter N° 53 was sent to Deputies in Congress.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 53. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentn

We received Intelligence by our Pilot Boats on Tuesday Evening that a Ship of War and two Tenders were under Sail on their Way up the Bay, and immediately issued our Orders for their Reception which was observed with amazing Expedition and Punctuality. We were much indebted to the spirited, active and good Conduct of the regular Officers and Troops. The Militia moved with astonishing dispatch, and as soon as the Vessels hove in Sight our Coast was lined with Men. At Baltimore the Celerity of their Movements exceeded Description and had very near proved more advantageous than they really have, for it was expected by the Vessels (the Otter of 16 guns, a Tender of 6 and the other armed with Swivels only) that the Ship Defence was altogether unprepared, which led them to conceive themselves in a State of Security which had

like to have been attended with Consequences very disagreable c. s. c.
to them. The Residue of our Guns for the Ship arrived only Wednesday Night and on Thursday Morning was wanted. On Friday Night she was towed a little Way down the river manned with a Parcel of Buckskin Heroes and other brave Fellows. Several small Vessels were crowded with Men to assist in case of an Engagement, which would have been dreadfull, as we understand Cap[t] Nicholson intended to grapple at once. She got under Way very early in the Morning, resolved to retake Hudson's Ship and engage the Otter, which was 4 or 5 Miles below, if she moved to her Relief. Hudson's Vessel was guarded by the Tenders—the morning was thick and hazy and the Defence got nearer to them before she was discovered than was agreeable to them. They were much alarmed (not having any Idea our Ship was in Readiness to venture out) and pushed off with the utmost Expedition, leaving the Ship and 4 or 5 small Vessels which had fallen into their Hands. The Tenders would probably have been taken if the Otter receiving a Signal-Gun had not sent off men to double-man their Oars. The Defence stretched backward and forward below her Prizes and at length, seeing the Otter get under Way, came to, close by Hudson's Vessel and prepared for Battle expecting she was coming up to her, but to the amazement of our Brave Countrymen she bore away and anchored in the Afternoon off Annapolis. Nicholson continued his Station thinking it inexpedient to risque an Action, as he had such a valuable Prize under his care. In the Evening a Flag was sent in. The Gentlemen behaved very politely and on some subjects were free and communicative—they know every thing which is transacted here and to the Northward. The Flag brought a letter to the Governor from Capt. Squire Commander of the Otter desiring Provisions for his Sloop & that a Tender might be permitted to take unmolested a New-England Sloop loaded with Bread and Flour which we had sent up Severn. The Governor laid this Letter before us. We refused a Supply of Provisions and took no notice of that Part of his Letter which related to the New-England Vessel thinking it rather an Insult, but ordered a Guard of about 50 Men to be immediately put over her. We received two other Flags in the Morning, one of them for our Answer and the other with Prisoners who say they were treated with the greatest Humanity and Tenderness. The Otter and her Tenders with some Prize-Vessels sailed down the Bay yesterday, but we expect they will return again soon reinforced, as from what we can collect they are bent upon taking or destroying the Defence. 5782 lbs. of our powder is arrived in Potowmack and safe landed at Bladensburg.

C. S. C. You shall have a full State of Facts relative to our late interesting Situation by the next Post. This we give you in a hurry.

11th March 1776

[Galloway to Council.]

Gentlemen.

By the order of Col. Weems I am to to inform you, that the alarm given by Capt Chew is without the least foundation. The sloop of War and her Tenders are at least fifteen miles below Fishing Creek. Capt Chew discharged his company at twelve OClock last night after being very much tired with their march from South River, and down again. They are now under arms a little below Fishing Creek and will continue so, till they are gone below Patuxent. Capt Makalls company are 10 miles below and the alarm all through Calvert that they are on their way down. they weighed about 12 oclock and came too again about 4 in the afternoon as the wind was directly a head. I am gentlemen your obt humb Sert

Jos. Galloway

11th March 1776
7 oClock P. M.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Elk Ridge Landg 11 March 1776.

Gent I received yours of yesterday by express, and agreeable to order shall dismiss my Battalion of Militia, who were in readiness, at this place to march to any part of the province that your honours, or the general should request: It gives me the greatest satisfaction that my Conduct, as well as the other gentlemen officers & Militia under my Command, meet with your approbation.

I have the Honour to be Gent yr most obt servt

Thomas Dorsey.

[Committee of Elk Ridge to Council.]

In Committee March 11th 1776. The Committee of observation in the neighbourhood of Elk Ridge reflecting on the necessity of having the sum of about two hundred pounds lodged in their hands to defray the expences of the Elk Ridge Battalion, in case the exigencies of the province shall at any time require their marching to a distance to repel an hostile invasion by the British forces, beg that you will send them the

said sum of two hundred pounds by Mr Samuel Godman, and the Committee of Elk Ridge will be responsible for the same. The Committee have already advanced about Fifty pounds for the support of the Elk Ridge Battalion after being called on to go to Balt. Town. Signed p order. C. S. C.

Thomas Dorsey chaʳⁿ

Tuesday 12th March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 54 was sent to the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County.

Copy of Letter N° 55 was sent to Captains William Henry and James Kent, of the Minute Companies in Virginia.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °Clock.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 54.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Gentⁿ

We have impatiently expected Information from your town of the Arrival of the Gun Powder and Arms from Philadelphia & having no regular Intelligence from you, do not know they are safe altho' we hear they are arrived. We request if they are, you will secure the Powder in the best Manner and immediately send down the Arms in Waggons with what Cartouch-Boxes, Belts and Gun-Slings can be spared under a Guard to this City.

12 March 1776

[Council to Henry and Kent.] No. 55.

To Captains Henry & Kent.

Gentⁿ

We have received your Favor of the 28th February communicating the agreeable Information that our Letter of the 14th had given much Satisfaction to you and your respective Companies, and also that you had arrived at your Station after a long and fatiguing March in good Health and Spirits —and are sorry it is not in our Power to make Provision for those Gentlemen who at your Request attended you in the Characters of Physicians; however we assure you we will represent the Matter to the next Convention and do not doubt they will take it into Consideration and compensate them for

C. S. C. their Trouble and the Services they may render. We will supply you by the first safe Opportunity with what Money we apprehend may be sufficient to defray the Expenses of your March up and furnish you with the continental Regulations relative to Wages and Rations as soon as we can procure them.

The Assurances you give us that you will endeavour to render all the Satisfaction you can to the Inhabitants of Northampton County are very agreeable as we are fully confident you will act correspondently to your profession which will redound much to the Honour of your Province and reflect deserved Encomiums on yourselves.

12 March 1776

[Talbot Committee to Council.]

In Committee. Talbot County 12th March 1776.

Gentlemen. It appearing to this Committee that it was the intention of the last Convention that non-enrollers should previous to the first of this month, be informed of the alternative given them; and the proceedings of that Convention not having come to their hands until the third instant (on which day they by advertisement gave public notice of the rule) They conceive it would be extremely rigorous, and contrary to the sence, though agreeable to the letter of the resolve of Convention to proceed immediately to levy fines on, and Compel the delivery of the arms of such non-enrollers. They therefore pray your advice in the premises with all convenient speed:

We are Gent Your mo. obedient Servants By order

Jas Lloyd Chamberlaine Chairman.

[McLure and Howard to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 12 March

Being appointed by the Committee of Baltimore County to procure waggons to convey the arms from Phila to your city, we now send you eight Boxes arms & ten reems cartridge paper. we have an order for a ton of lead, which please to return by them.

We are most respectfully Gent your oblgd obedt Servts.

John McLure. Jno E. Howard.

C. S. J. Wednesday 13th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Smith attended.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Harford County four hun-

dred Pounds Currency, on Account of the Minute-Companies there. C. S. J.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Colonel Thomas Dorsey two hundred Pounds Currency to be accounted for.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Omensetter thirty Pounds Currency, on Account of his Contract with Mr Alexander.

Copy of Letter N° 56 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Harford County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Rezin Beall the sum of three hundred Pounds Currency on Account of his Company.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster four thousand Pounds Currency to be accounted for.

Adjourned 'till 3 °Clock & met accordingly.

Mr Carroll returned from Baltimore Town.

Mr Joseph Marbury was appointed quarter-Master of the Battalion of regular Troops.

Copy of Letter N° 57 was sent to the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °Clock

[Council to Harford Committee.] C. S. J. No. 56

To the Committee of Observation for Harford County

Gent^n^

We have received your Favor of the 10th Instant and send the £400. We think it proper that an Account of the Disbursements should be rendered to the Council of Safety and not to the next Convention as you apprehend, and therefore request you'll furnish us with it as soon as you can make it convenient.

March 12 1776

[Council to Virginia Committee.] No. 57

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gent^n^

Inclosed you have a Narrative which will fully inform you of the Transactions of the Otter Sloop of War and her Tenders, which have lately paid us a short Visit; they are much chagrined, we believe, at losing a large Vessel belonging to Mr Hudson, that was loaded with Provision by Order of the Congress, and had been made a Prize of, but a Day or two before,

C. S. C. and at their Disappointment in accomplishing their Design of taking the Ship Defence, which by all Accounts they made sure of effecting and was their grand Object. Just before they weighed Anchor, a Flag came on shore with some Prisoners, who said they had been treated with great Humanity and in Return it was thought proper to compliment the Officer with two Quarters of Beef. As soon as they can get a Reinforcement, which we imagine they have gone after, we expect to have another and more important Visit and are making the best Preparations in our Power to receive them.

13 March 1776

[Kent Committee to Council.]

Chester Town March 13th 1776.

Sir. It appears from the best information that can be obtained that a return of the Ship of War with reinforcements, may be soon expected & their Business being avowedly to get fresh provisions they will probably make the attempt on the most defenceless shore. on the last alarm a very commendable spirit was manifested by every Company in the County but spirited as they are their resistance must be very ineffectual without the proper means. Most of the small number of good arms in the County were supplied to the minute company now under duty in Virginia and on an examination into the arms at present in the County scarcely any company of Militia have above thirty guns of any kind and most of these are unfit for any service. The two companies of this town cannot produce above twenty good arms.

In this truly defenceless state of this County and we believe of this shore in general, The Committee for Kent County humbly submit it to the consideration of your board whether it will not be adviseable for you to order the arms imported in Capt Tippet to this place for the use of Capt Veazeys & the other Independent Companies on this shore & to order back our Minute Companies from Virginia. The Committee having delivered out to the orders of the Convention & of your board most of the public powder under their care & the whole being but a very small quantity for the use of this shore think a supply of that article necessary: The Committee presume you will hardly think it adviseable to trust the arms & ammunition on the water after the late alarm & as they can conveniently have such part as you may think proper to order here brought by land without any trouble to your board, they would only wish to have an order for the delivery in Philadelphia. The Committee beg leave further to represent to you as their

opinion that as the Brigadier General for this district is very distant & as no Field officers are yet appointed for the two Battalions of this County in case of an attack some temporary power ought to be vested to direct the operation of the several companies. They submit it to your wisdom to determine whether this temporary power might not be lodged by you in their body who you may depend will exercise it for the good of the Country in General to the utmost of their power and abilities. Capt Veazy has now got all his company collected here and no provision has been made for them by the Commissary, the Committee think it their duty to mention this circumstance that you may give the necessary orders therein in the meantime the Committee will cooperate with Capt Veazy & do every thing in their power to supply the men with provisions. C. S. C.

Signed by order
W. Hall Clk. Com^{tee}

[Fauntleroy to Council.]

To the Honorable the Council of Safety of Maryland:

Inclosed is a commission of Mr John Hynson he has resigned, as his removal out of the neighbourhood, has made it inconvenient to attend as ensign & the company has elected James Black Senr in his room as ensign of the said Company of Militia.

I am gentlemen Y^{r} most obedient humble Servt
13th March 1776. John Fauntleroy.

Sir. I must give up my Commission as I have moved, out of the neighbourhood and hope you will excuse me, as nothing but the ill convenience of attending obliges me to give up the Commission. I send up the commission by your boy & hope this will excuse me from attending by you. And the Company & I am extremely obliged to them all for their good will, and acknowledge myself in debt a handsome treat to the Company which shall be performed the first opportunity so conclude your most ob^{t} Humble Servt

John Hynson.

March 4th 1776.
To Capt John Fauntleroy:

If you dont chuse to gratifie the Company in their choice Richard Keene son of William Ens^{n} is, in the Capt^{s} Judgment & mine a more suitable man for the place.

R^{d} Mason.

C. S. C. [Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore March 13th 1776.

Gentlemen. I am directed to inform you that Messrs Jno Smith Benjamin Nicholson, Captns Nicholson Boucher & myself having this day examined the state of the Batteries already made & making at Whetstone & Fells Point, & reported the same to the Committee. They are induced to believe & hope that there is every rational prospect of securing the town of Baltimore in Case of the Otter returning with any other Frigate that can come up this River. And as the ship defence may be so stationed as to support the Batteries & Boom at Whetstone it will be of the greatest importance for the preservation of both the Town & ship, that she should not be ordered out of this harbour. The attention of our workmen being entirely engaged since last week on the Batteries at Fells Point, the Boom is of consequence less forward than it otherwise would have been, But to avoid every possible hazard of its being too late, It is agreed (with the advice of Captn Nicholson) to sink all the vessels now collected at Whetstone Point; which will serve the purpose untill the Boom now executing is compleated. We have got the vessels all valued & ballasted, and Persons are appointed to begin sinking them to-morrow. The Battery at Whetstone will be ready to mount several guns in a few days; even now it can be used on emergency. At Fells Point the Breast Works fit for 19 or 20 cannon will be nearly compleated tomorrow. General Buchanan has ordered away the militia of Harford this day. Our worthy friends of York County have raised a select company of Riflemen, commanded by Mr Joseph Donnaldson to be held in readiness to march to our assistance on any emergency: The Committee beg leave to submit to your consideration whether (as you have no artillery at Annapolis) it would not be adviseable to station Capt Fulfords Company of matrosses in this place. That gentlemans knowledge as a gunner may be of much service to us. Either one or Two wagn loads of Powder sent us by our delegates on the first alarm are arrived in Town this evening. We shall calculate on another visit from the vesls of war & use every means in our power to be prepared for it.

I am with great respect, Gentlemen Your most hble Servt
p order Saml Purviance Junr Chairman

C. S. J. Thursday 14th March 1776

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That Major Price be empowered to purchase or

contract for the making of two hundred Rifles with proper Powder Horns and Pouches. C. S. J.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Daniel of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Esq one hundred and twenty Pounds Currency for so much in Specie by him paid to Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esquire

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] James Dick the sum of twenty one Pounds and nine Pence, for Lead and Flint.

Ordered, That M[r] Robert Townsend Hooe be requested immediately to load the Sloop Molly, Captain Conway, with Tobacco, Corn, Flour and Staves on Account and Risk of this Province upon the best and most reasonable Terms & that he apply to the Council of Safety for sailing Orders of her when ready.

Ordered That Captain John Allen Thomas's independent Company be stationed at Leonard Town in S[t] Mary's County.

That Captain John Watkins's independent Company be stationed at Snow Hill in Worcester County.

That one half of Cap[t] Edward Veazey's independent Company be stationed at Chester Town in Kent County; and the other half at Blunt's Ware-House on Kent Island in Queen Ann's County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] Rob[t] Townsend Hooe nine hundred Pounds Currency on Account of the above Adventure.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County send lb 2500 Lead to the Committee of Observation for Charles County.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Wells seven pounds seven shillings and seven pence for Lb 322 of Beef given as a Compliment by the Council of Safety to Captain Boucher he having restored five Prisoners.

Ordered That Col. Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County deliver to Col. W[m] Smallwood or his Order 30 Barrels of the Gunpowder imported in the [sloop Molly, Thomas Conway master]

[Sim to Council.] C. S. C.

Prince Georges Cot[y] March 14th 1776.

Gentlemen. I find I was mistaken in my information to you respecting the Nottingham Company, indeed the circumstances had escaped my memory. The choice of officers that had been made was well known to be disagreeable to the Com-

C. S. C. pany in general, and that many had declared if those gentlemen were promoted they would not continue in the Company. It was therefore thought best to give the people a new election, which was the sole reason why there was no appointment in Convention. On the second meeting of the Company for the purpose of Choosing their officers, the gentlemen I mentioned to you, and which I was desired to do by them, were named, however since receiving your letter inclosing Capt Bowies Commission, they have had & lately a full meeting of the Company, and in order to reconcile and satisfy all partys, they have agreed, and that with the Consent of Messrs Dorsett & Haye, and of which I am particularly requested to inform you, that Mr Robert Bowie be appointed first Lieutenant, Mr Wm N. Dorsett second L^{t} & Mr Thomas Haye Ensign, this I am well assured will give general content, but if Mr Bowie should not be appointed first Lieutenant to this Company I am satisfied they will be in the utmost confusion, and as it is intirely agreeable to Messrs Dorsett & Haye, who desire nothing more than their first appointments, I shall hope to receive their respective Commissions by the return of this post.

I am gentlemen
With great regard your most ob^{t} Servant
Joseph Sim.

C. S. J. Friday 15 March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commission issued to Samuel Griffith appointed 1 Lieut. Richard Finley 2^{d} L^{t} and James Robinson Ensign of Capt. William Frisby's Company of Militia in Kent County.

Ordered That Col. Wm Smallwood be empowered to purchase all the Blankets and Cloth at Bladensburg and George Town for the use of the Troops of this Province, and to convey the same to the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That James Tibbit Master of the Brig Wild Duck deliver to Mr William Houston two thousand pounds weight of Gunpowder and all the small Arms and Accoutrements thereto belonging, the Property of the Province of Maryland imported in said Brig.

Copy of Lre N° 58 was sent to Mr Daniel Bowly of Baltimore Town.

The Thanks of the Council were delivered by the President to Captain Nicholson of the Ship Defence (vid N° 59.)

Copy of Letter N° 60 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to C. S. J.
Mr Adrien Lemaistre two hundred Pounds Currency for Medicine.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esqr one hundred and fifty Pounds to defray the Expences of his Deputation to the Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Bowly.] C. S. C. No. 58.

To Mr. Daniel Bowley (Philadelphia)

Sir.

We have given the Bearer hereof Mr William Houston an Order on Capt. Tibbett for 2000lb Powder and all the small Arms with the Accoutrements thereto belonging, that have been imported for this Province in the Brig Wild Dick which we desire you will have complied with, and any Assistance that Mr Houston may want you'll please to give him, in a few days you will have our full Directions respecting the other Goods imported for the Province in the said Brig. In the mean time we would have you purchase for Acct of the Province all the private Adventures of Powder imported in the said Vessel at such prices as our Delegates in Congress may advise whom we desire you will consult thereon and send the same to Baltimore Town in the safest and most expeditious Manner you can.

March 14th 1776

[Council to Nicholson.] No. 59.

To Capt. James Nicholson Commander of the Ship Defence

Sir.

The spirited and prudent Conduct which you manifested in repelling the late hostile Attack on the Persons and Properties of your Fellow-Citizens and defeating the Designs and Attempts of our Invaders, give us real Satisfaction and entitle you to our Thanks; We therefore with Pleasure return them to you, and desire you will also communicate them to the Volunteers that accompanied you and the Officers and Men under your Command, as our acknowledgements are likewise due to their Gallantry.

15th March 1776

C. S. C. No. 60.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n]

We have requested M[r] Bowley to purchase on Account of this Province the private Adventures of Powder imported in the Wild Dick Capt. Tibbitt lately arrived in Delaware at such Price as you may advise. We therefore desire your Assistance in that matter.

15th March 1776

[Mackall to Council.]

Calvert County 15th March 1776.

Gen[t] I left the mouth of Patuxent Wednesday, where I saw Cap[t] Thomas, who requested me (as he had no materials then to write with) to inform the Council of Safety, that he thought a Virginia Pilot Boat which was stopped by our guard some days ago, would be very usefull, either for conveying the troops from Calvert to S[t] Mary's, or for taking any small Tenders which might come in our river That the owner was very. desirous of selling her & that he would take a reasonable price sooner than return to Virginia, as he was apprehensive of being taken. If you should be of opinion that such a vessel will be of any advantage to the province, hope you will inform me or Cap[t] Thomas by the first opportunity. The committee of observation for this County met on Monday last, in consequence of your last letter, and impowered me to appoint a number not exceeding 100 men, to watch our Coast, & as the man of war and Tenders then lay at anchor off the Clifts, I thought it necessary to station a guard of 78 men exclusive of officers to prevent their landing. Those men continued under arms till Wednesday, when I discharged all but 2 Lieutenants and 25 Privates, who are now stationed at Drum Point there to remain until Cap[t] Bealls Company of Regulars comes down. The man of War and Tenders pass[d] the mouth of Patuxent Tuesday Evening:

I am with great Respect Gen[t]
Your most obed[t] hble Serv[t]
Benj: Mackall 4th

[Murray to Council.]

Cambridge March 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. From the sudden alarm which the sloop of war and her Tenders have this week occasioned it was thought

necessary to order the Militia of this County on duty to guard the frontier on the Bay Shore &c. which they chearfully complyed with but previous thereto were under a necessity of making application for arms & ammunition. We were in hopes that when it came to the test we should find many of them prepared with private property in ammunition, but in this find we were deceived. There remained with us a barrel of powder and some ball sent from new town last fall by the Council of Safety, which we have distributed tho it appears to be very indifferent and not such as we think men ought to hazard their lives with this has gone but a small way in supplying the Companies. The people grew exceedingly clamorous. We have been under a necessity of distributing what little we have of private property, but the whole put together would scarce make three rounds a piece for the companies. To what lengths they may go if not shortly supplyed we cannot say, but fear when they find that upon repeated applications, they are not supplied with the means of defence they may despond & tamely submit to such ravages as these Barbarians may think proper to commit. From the late conduct of the men of our County we have not the least doubt of their spirit and firmness and are fully satisfied they will make a bold and resolute stand in defence of the liberties of their country if properly furnished with Arms and ammunition. We are dayly in expectation of another visit from the enemy and have therefore thought it our indispensible duty to lay the weak & defenceless state of our county before you not doubting but that on your being thus truly informed of our situation you will immediately order us such a supply of Arms & Ammunition as may be necessary for the defence of the County as without it we shall be under the dreadful necessity of submitting to such depredations as our enemies may think proper to commit, It is currently reported and believed here that the arms and ammunition for this province are arrived at Philadelphia and if this report is true, and we cannot (in our distressed situation) be more expeditiously supplyed we would undertake by your direction to send a Waggon or two to Philadelphia for arms and ammunition if you think proper to give an order for the delivery of them to us: Captain Woolford has now upwards of eighty men of his Company enlisted, are a daily expence to the province and in their present situation of no real service there being but one man of the whole that has a gun. We beg leave to report to you that Mr Thomas Ennalls nominated as the supervisor of our Salt Petre works has refused to act. We have advertised for another and as soon as the vacancy is filled shall inform you.

C. S. C.

We are Gen^t^ with regard & Esteem Your ob^t^ hum Servt

Signed p order of the Committee of observation.

James Murray:

C. S. C. We have given Cap[t] Woolford an order on Cap[t] Robinson for the province, arms which he rec[d] from the Committee of observation of Kent County and we hope soon to be able to compleatly arm his & the other Independ[t] Companies stationed on your shore. Upon the late alarm some powder was given into the hands of the militia on this side the Bay & we fear it will be difficult to collect the greatest part of it again & that too much of what may remain with the people will be lost to the public. We recommend it to you therefore to deliver to the Capt[s] on the Water side as much as you may conceive will be sufficient (taking their receipts) with orders not to distribute it among the respective companies until there is a real necessity & to keep the residue in some convenient part of your county where upon any emergency the other companies may be readily supplied:

Original.

[Mason and Dalton to Council.]

Virginia, Fairfax County March 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. Being employed by the Committee of Safety for this Colony to fit out three armed cruisers, & two row-gallies, for the protection of Potomack River, we have, in Consequence thereof, bought three sloops; the largest of which (called the American Congress) will mount 14 Carriage Guns, 6 & 4 pounders, & be man'd with about ninety Men. We are now raising her Company of Marines, which will be compleated in a few Days; she has most of her Guns mounted, the shot are now casting, at a Furnace in the Neighbourhood, & if we had Powder, she would be very soon fit for Action. We wrote to our Delegates at the Congress to purchase for us in Philadelphia twenty Barrels of Powder, & forward it to us by Land, to serve 'til we could get a larger supply, which they promised to do, so soon as it could be procured there, but none has yet come to Hand, & we are very uneasy, least some of the Enemies Cutters should come up this River, to destroy our Vessels, before they are in a Posture of Defence As this Equipment will be as beneficial to the Inhabitants on the north side of Potomack as to those on this side, we doubt not the Disposition of your Board to promote it; and under these Circumstance, we take the Liberty to apply to you for the Loan of ten Bar[s] of the Powder lately imported for y[r] Province, in Capt. Conway's Vessel now in the Eastern Branch of Potomack; which shall be replaced out of the first Powder we receive from the northward, or elsewhere; if ten Bar[s] can't be spared, even five or six Bar[s] wou'd be very serviceable, & might answer our Purpose, until the supply we expect from

Philadelphia arrives. We beg the favour of an imediate Answer & hope that the urgency & Importance of the Business will excuse the trouble we have taken the Liberty to give you.

We are, with much respect Gent^{n}
Your most obd^{t} Sert^{s}
G. Mason J. Dalton.

[J. Beall to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Prince Georges County 15 Mar. 1776.

Dear Sir. Permit me to trouble you with these lines, on the arrival of Gun powder in Potomack for the public use to inform you of the great desire and expectation of the people, that a part of it will be allotted to the use of this county particularly the Potomack part of it, where the people much wish to be proved as well as may be, from the apprehension of an armed force soon proceeding up the river to Alexandria, which you know lays about opposite to the centre of this County on the Potomack side. We have 5 Companies on this river in the Piscattaway district, and 4 or 5 in that of Bladensburgh. The wisdom of the Council of Safety will direct the quantity, and how to be ordered in the disposition; but I will take leave to submit, whether it may not be thought best to have it lodged under the direction of the Committees of observation at Bladensburgh and Piscattaway; presuming it will not be thought proper to deliver it into the hands of the people, for obvious reasons; I think there is some of the Captains on whose undoubted care dependence might be had, but I fear there is some others whose prudence on such occasion may be doubtful, this causes me to think of its being under the direction of the Committees of observation in each neighbourhood where it is lodged, as the most proper method. The people had began to be somewhat dispirited, on acc^{t} of want of arms & ammunition (especially the latter) there is an obvious change on the arrival of this powder (the article most wanted) from the expectation of their being furnished therewith; this being done, I make no doubt the inhabitants in these parts will prove as spirited as in any part of the province; they are on a sudden more active in getting their fire arms in order on this prospect of having powder. We are busy casting Bullets & Buckshott; of which I believe we can make out 15 or 1600 ^{lb} We are also tolerable well of for gun flints; the Committee having last summer purchased all the lead & Flints they could lay their hands on. I am in hopes we can manage to have better than half of our people provided with firelocks, but then several of

C. S. C. them can only be used for want of better; I wish we could be happy enough to be better furnished. But we must do the best we can I know the gentlemen of the Council of Safety, and with a real pleasure can say, I have a confidence in them, and that they will do the best, in this, as well as every other part of their duty, I freely express these sentiments to the people. Your candor will not think there is any flattery in this declaration, there is really none, but I think it not at all improper to express myself freely, and shall do more so from your last letter; the information you there mention to have received from this county, I think must have a very slight foundation, should the Council think it convenient to allot a pound of powder per man for the numbers in the several Potomack Companies, I believe it would have a great & good effect on the spirits of the people, as the Companies on Patuxent lay less exposed there may not be thought so great an allowance necessary as on Potomack where we must expect any attack on these parts most like to be. I would wish to be understood, as to my sentiments of the powder being lodged under the direction of the Committees of Piscattaway & Bladensburgh, not to mean jointly but that a part to each place under the direction of those of the Committee of observation in each neighbourhood, that no obstruction to the use when required may take place, but, after takeing the freedom to trouble you with so much, submit the whole to the determination of Council. Please offer my best compliments to the worthy members of y^{r} able Council, and be assured (to you and them) I am with real esteem,

Dr Sir, Y^{r} ob^{t} hble Servt
Jona. Beall.

I hope to hear of your recovery from your late lameness several Gen^{t} (deserving attention) in this County have asked my mentioning them to the Council, as desirous of acting as officers in any other regular force that may be raised in this province either continental or provincial, the names follow, vizt Luke Marbury, John Addison, Hezekiah Wheeler, Thomas Dent, John Beanes, William Duvall, Walter Cox, John Burgess. The three first are captains in the militia, and hope to have not a lower Commission, as above &c.

To the Honble Daniel of St Thos Jenifer Esqr

[Gist to Council.]

Baltimore 15 M^{a} 1776.

Gentlemen. Having sundry accounts open against me for Iron Pots, Ammunition Chests, making hunting shirts, repair-

ing houses for Barracks, Guard House &c. the amount of which, I cannot as yet ascertain; I have to request your order on the treasurer for £150, to discharge the above bills, which shall be accounted for by, Gentlemen Your m° obed^t^ H. Servt C. S. C.

M. Gist

N. B. The bearer Lieu^t^ Winder waits upon you for the order.

[Watkins to Hindman.]

Sir. If you have received an order from the Council of Safety in favour of me should be much obliged to you to pay to Mr Chaille the sum allowed by them as what men I have inlisted have taken the greatest part of the two hundred pounds for to subsist them. I am Sir your Hble Servt

Worcester County March 15th 1776. J. Watkins

To Mr Wm Hindman.

[W. Lux to Jenifer.]

Dear Sir. Capt Nicholson is very desirous of having 20 Riflemen among his Marines and has sent to Frederick where he is likely to succeed, of course he will want the Rifles, they will cost £6 a piece, please to consult your council and let me know immediately as Capt Brown has an offer of 10 very fine ones and the others can be got at Frederick. I congratulate you on the arrival of the Brig Wild Dick. I suppose you will want our part of the Cargo. Mr Bowly is gone to Phil^a^ as soon as I hear from him I will wait on you, unless you come to Baltimore which I believe is safest.

I am Honble Sir Your obed^t^ & faithful Servt

Baltimore 15 March 1776. Willm Lux.

To the Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

Saturday 16 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Jenifer.

Commissions issued to Robert Bowie appointed 1 Lieut. William N. Dorsett 2^d^ L^t^ and Thomas Haye Ensign of a Company of Militia in Prince George's County.

Also to Wm Ringgold appointed Captain, Charles Cook 1 Lt James Stinson 2^d^ L^t^ & Thomas Bailey Ensign of a Company of Militia in Queen Ann's County.

Commissions issued to [John Costin] appointed Capt. John Fisher 1 Lt Andrew Sylvester 2^d^ L^t^ and Henry Pratt Junr Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

C. S. J. Commissions issued to James Bordley appointed Capt John Kent 1 Lieut. James Earle 2^{d} L^{t} and Nathan Browne Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Nathaniel Wright appointed Capt George Hanson 1 Lt Thomas Emory 2^{d} L^{t} and Peter Ritch Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Nichols five Pounds Currency for 2½ Days Waggon Hire.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Lieutenant John Steward two hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Capt. Thorne Company.

The Thanks of the Council were sent to the several Brigadiers General respectively (Vid: N° 61)

Resolved, That

As Exigencies may some time require that the Militia should be called into service before it can be convenient for the Brigadier General of the Upper District of the Eastern Shore to receive particular Orders from the Council of Safety, and as no Field-Officers have been appointed to the Command of the several Battalions of Militia in Kent County it is recommended that the Committee of Observation for said County until Field-Officers be appointed for the same, direct and regulate the Operations of the Militia of the said County in repelling any sudden Attack or Invasion, where Circumstances will not admit of their applying to the Council of Safety, or Brigadier General of the Upper District of the Eastern-shore, as they shall think most proper for the Defence of the said County. But it is required that neither the said Brigadier General, or the said Committee proceed to act without receiving their Orders from the Council of Safety, or the said Committee without having their Instructions from the Council or the said Brigadier, where the Circumstances of the Case will admit an Application for such Orders or Instructions without hazarding the public Safety; and that in all Instances, where the said Brigadier shall act without particular [Instructions, that he immediately convey] Intelligence of the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council and where the said Committee act without applying to the Council or the said Brigadier, that they also communicate with the utmost Dispatch, the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council as well as to the said Brigadier, where it may be conveniently done And the Militia of the said County are required to obey all such Orders as shall be made by the said Brigadier or the said Committee in Pursuance of this Resolve.

Copy of Letter N° 62 was sent to the Deputies in Congress.

The Gentlemen appointed the 21st of January last to make a Chart of the Land, and Water at the Mouth of this River

specifying the Width and Depth of the Channel between Horn Point and Greenbury's Point, returned a Chart thereof and delivered the same to the Council, which was ordered to lie on the Table. C. S. J.

[Council to Brigadiers.]

To the Brigadiers General (respectively.) C. S. C No. 61.

Sir

As our Thanks are due to yourself and those generous Men that with Alacrity and Ardour stept forth on the late Alarm to the Assistance and Protection of their Neighbours and Fellow-Citizens, We request you will accept of them, and present them likewise to those Battalions and Companies of your District that appeared on that Occasion.

March 15, 1776.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 62.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen. We are exceedingly anxious on Account of our Treasury as it grows very low, and the Demands, as you must be sensible, continue still great; you will therefore excuse our mentioning to you so often our Apprehension that unless the Plates and Paper are furnished in a very short Time the Treasury will be exhausted and the credit of the Province must fail.

Our Minute Companies have wrote us for Copies of the Continental Regulations, & Pay to their Troops, and as we are not provided with them, we request you will send them to us, or if a favorable Opportunity should offer, transmit them to Accomack immediately, as we are sometimes at a Loss for Conveyances from hence, Pray send us an Account of the Continental Pay of the Officers and Men in the Navy; we are informed there have been some Alterations lately made in them by Congress and shall be glad to see them—they will be useful to us in settling the wages for the Defence—the inclosed is a Copy of a Letter we have received from Mr Harrison our Agent in the Foreign West Ind^{s}

17th March 1776

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Baltimore 16 March 1776.

Gentlemen. This Committee on the first alarm of Capt Squires being coming up to this town, met and took into the

C. S. C. serious consideration the unprepared state thereof to repel any attack, and therefore thought it necessary to throw up two Breast Works at Fells Point, as well to preserve the town, as to cover the ship defence, who was then without the chief part of her guns; the acco[t] of the expence, as soon as it can be liquidated, will be laid before you, and as the necessity was urgent, we hope you will readily support us. We also undertook to fit out a schooner as a Tender, and to support the operations of Cap[t] Nicholsons & have proceeded some lengths in equiping her, and we beg to know from you, whether it is your intention that we shall proceed to finish & compleat her for the service of the province, or whether you would desist from prosecuting the matter any farther. We judge, the purchase of the vessell and her out fit may amount to £2000, and we are of opinion, she will be very useful in scouring the coast from the incursion of the Tenders, as she will mount 10 guns, and carry 70 to 100 men; she is in such forwardness, as to sail immediately on geting her men One of the brest Works, which was mostly calculated to cover the ship, mounts 6 guns, and the other 10, and they were particularly requested to be done by Cap[t] Nicholson. Our Fort at Whetstone is ready to mount 8 guns, and we shall use every exertion to expedite it.

We are with due Respect Gen[t]

Your most obed[t] Serv[ts]	Will[m] Lux dep[y] Ch[n]
John Boyd	Thomas Harrison
Jn[o] Merryman Jun[r]	Jn[o] Smith
Jn[o] Sterett.	W[m] Buchanan.

By the Committee of Baltimore County. M[r] Hercules Courtenay as agent for Cap[t] W[m] Stone has in his possession eleven cannon of the following sizes according to the best information we can get viz. two of twelve Pounds, six of nine pounds and three of four pounds, all of which will be wanted for the defence of Baltimore town, if they are found good. This committee directed carriages to be made to suit these guns & on the late alarm removed & mounted them at Fells Point, where they now remain, ready to be proved by such Person as the Hon[ble] Council of Safety may appoint.

15 March 1776.

Will[m] Lux dep[y] ch[n]	John Moale
Jn[o] Smith	W[m] Buchanan
John Boyd	Tho[s] Harrison
Jn[o] Merryman Jun[r]	Ja[s] Calhoun

[Tilghman to Council.]

Phil[a] 16 Mar. 1776

Gen[t] I Inclose you a resolution of Congress which I am

directed to forward to you, and as I recollect was ordered not to be made public. I am Gen^t^ C. S. C.

Y^r^ mo. obed^t^ Servant
Mat. Tilghman

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Baltimore 16 March 1776.

Gentlemen: As the powder and lead belonging to the public was placed in different stores, and on the late alarm the mode of delivering it out was very troublesome and uncertain, besides being liable to much waste, This Committee thought it necessary to direct the whole to be removed into one house for the greater ease of having a guard placed on it, And that it might be delivered properly and an acc^t^ kept regularly they appointed Mr Gerrard Hopkins as a commissary of Military stores, and as such an officer must be appointed we beg leave to solicit your confirmation of Mr Hopkins, as he is capable and desirous to officiate. It became more necessary to make this appointment at the time, as the powder from Philad. was coming in, and several other matters for the service of Militia wanting, the whole of which can be executed by him.

We are Gentlemen, Your most hum Serv^ts^
Willm Lux Dep^y^ Ch^n^ Jn° Smith
Wm Buchanan Thomas Harrison
John Boyd Jn° Merryman Junr
Jn° Sterett.

[Ennalls to Council.] Original.

Dorchester County March 16, 1776

Gent^n^ Yours of the 2^d^ of February inclosing a Resolve of the continental congress for collecting gold and silver in this Province, together with your appointment of Mr James Murray Mr Henry Steel and myself to collect the same in this county came to my hands, which I immediately communicated to those gentlemen, since which we have made applications to all the principal men of the County of whom we apprehended there was any chance of getting Gold or Silver, and I am sorry to inform you the scarcity of specie is such that, we are only able to procure (including our own small stock) about Five hundred and twenty pounds which sum we can immediately get if your honors are pleased to send us an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for so much paper money to pay in exchange for it, and will be pleased also to direct the same Treasurer to receive the gold and silver of us, as we appre-

hend there may be a considerable risque in sending it to the Treasurer of the Western Shore at this time. this account would have been sooner transmitted to you, had not the late alarm of the sloop of War and Tenders in a manner stopt the communication between this and Annapolis.

I am with great regard, Gent^{n} Y^{r} most obed^{t} serv^{t}
Wm Ennalls.

c. s. c. [Dorchester Committee to Council.]

To the Honble the Council of Safety of the Province of Maryland.

We hereby certify that an enrollment of a Company of Militia bearing date the 30th of November 1775 to w^{h} is annexed a certificate of the officers chose for the same bearing date the 16th Decr 1775 was lately returned to us we further certify that the said enrollment was agreeable to the resolves of the Convention held at Annapolis, the 26th of July last, and that it appears the following gentlemen are elected commissioned officers to wit,

Benjamin Keene Captain
John Keene Junr 1st Lieutenant
Richard Tubman 2^{d} Lieut.
John Griffith Ensign.

That the said Company are called The Buck Company, and that there are to the same, four sergeants, four corporals and one drummer and fifty seven privates. We therefore pray with the approbation of y^{r} board that Commissions may issue thereon. Signed p order Committee of Observation

March 16th 1776. James Murray C.
Cambridge Dorchester County:

[Dorchester Committee to Council.]

To the Honble the Council of Safety of the province of Maryland.

We hereby certify that an enrollment of a Company of Militia bearing date the 11th day of February 1776 with a certificate of officers for the same was lately returned to us, we further certify that the 1st enrollment was agreeable to the resolves of the Convention held at Annapolis the 26th of July last, and that it appears the following gentlemen are elected officers vizt

Timothy McNemara	Captain
John Stewart McNemara	1st Lieu^{t}
Charles Johnson	2nd Lieu^{t}
John Carwan	Ensign.

That the said Company are called Friends to America, and that there are to the same four Serjt^{s} four corporals, one drummer & sixty eight privates. We therefore pray with the approbation of your board that commissions may issue thereon: C. S. C.

Signed p^{r} order Committee observation.

March 16th 1776. James Murray (C)

Cambridge Dorchester County:

Sunday 17. March 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

A Letter received from Mr Chamberlaine, Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Talbot County and answered (Vid N° 63.)

Copy of Letter N° 64 was sent to Colonel Thomas Wright

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Price five hundred Pounds Currency for Rifles.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County deliver to Major Price 1500 Flints, 5000 w^{t} Lead in Bullets, all the Hangers, Broad-Swords and Cutlasses, and also all the Arms belonging to the Province, that are fit for Service.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Gist one hundred and fifty Pounds Currency, to be accounted for.

Mr Hands has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °'Clock

[Council to Talbot Committee.] C. S. C. No. 63.

To the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

Gent^{n}

We are sorry the Proceedings of the Convention thro' the Negligence of our Press should not have reached you before the Day you mention; and think with you that the not allowing those in your County that may hesitate to enroll, some Time to consider the Alternative given them, would be treating them with too great Rigour, and are of Opinion that the indulging them till the fifth of April, will be giving them time sufficient and be an Instance of Lenity towards them that we are persuaded will meet with the Approbation of the convention.

17th March 1776

L. S. C. No. 64.

[Council to Wright.]

To Col° Thomas Wright

Sir.

We have received your Favor of the 12th Inst. inclosing Commissions of Officers in the Militia who have refused to accept them and now transmit you others to supply their Places. The same Motives that led you to withhold them so long, which we think you are highly commendable in doing, we hope will induce you still to persist in your Efforts to settle and quiet the minds of the People at this alarming Crisis of our Affairs and to reconcile them to the Appointments of Field-Officers in your County, which the last Convention thought proper to make and we cannot but flatter ourselves when they reflect seriously on the Consequences which will inevitably flow from the Measures they have adopted, they will no longer pursue them. If our Expectations should not however be answered in a short Time and they should obstinately persevere, it will then become our indispensible Duty to pursue different, tho' disagreable Expedients, and to exert the Powers which we are invested with for the Public Good with a View to that End.

We have fixed the Station of the Troops for your County at Blunt's Ware-House on Kent Island & shall order them to repair there as soon as they can be supplied with Provision, which we imagine will be by the last of next Week at furthest.

18th March 1776

C. S. J.

Monday 18. March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Hands.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore deliver to Mr Charles Wallace unsigned Bills of Credit of this Province to the Amount of £6000.

Copy of Letter N° 65 was sent to William Hindman Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Adjourned till 3 °Clock and met accordingly.

Commissions issued to Thomas Williams appointed first Major and Thomas Snowden, second Major of the 25th Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County.

Also to Thomas Richardson appointed Captain, Ralph Crabb 1 Lt & William Holmes 2d Lt of a Company of Militia in said County and also to Basil Waring (the 3rd) appointed Captain & William D. Beall 1 Lt of a Company of Militia in sd County belonging to the 25th Battalion.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °Clock.

[Council to Hindman.]

C. S. C. No. 65.

To Wm Hindman Esqr Treasurer of the Eastern Shore,

Sir,

As it will be some time before we can have our new Emission struck and ready for Circulation, and Drafts coming in pretty quick upon us, we find it necessary to call for some of the unsigned Bills of Credit now in your hands, We desire therefore you will send by Mr Charles Wallace the sum of six thousand Pounds of them as mentioned in the Order to him of this Date.

18 March 1776

[Hooe to Beall.]

Alex^a^ March 18th 1776.

Sir. I have gone thro' every store in this town & find but few whole pieces of B. Cloths of the kinds that are wanted. However if Col^o^ Smallwood would send over an officer, I think by taking different colours & parts of p^s^ they may pick up a good deal, but as they do not answer the directions Mr Harwood gave me, I thought best to decline a purchase till I heard further about it, there are some Ruggs in town but they are large & at 20/ V^a^ Cu^ry^ a piece; Blanketts are not to be had at all, but there is in one store several p^s^ of woolen, of a kind between a flannell & kind all cotton that I think would answer the end, The 2 casks of Medicine you'll be pleased to receive & send a Rec^t^ for them. I am sir y^r^ most ob^t^ Servt

R^d^ Hooe.

I have sent a Mem^o^ of such woolens as are to be had. Be pleased to write Col^o^ Smallwood that I will purchase them up & pay the cash for them if I can have orders directly.

R. H.

To Col^o^ Joshua Beall
at Bladensburgh:

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

Calvert County 18 March 1776. In Committee of observation:

On Motion, Resolved to consult the Honorable the Council of Safety, concerning the propriety of stationing an additional number of thirty men in different places in this County to watch the motion of the ships of War and Tenders and to prevent them from harrassing the Militia by frequent & unnecessary alarms. Resolved, That application be made to the

S. C. Honorable the Council of Safety for two barrels of gunpowder and fifty stand of arms compleat for the use of this County as we have not received the powder ordered from Charles County.

p^r order. Joseph Wilkinson clk Committee.

[Tillard to Council.]

Pigg Point 18. March 1776.

Gentlemen. I this day received a line from Mr Duvall of the 13th February requesting I would inform you what quantity of public gun powder is in my hands, and where stored; 201^lb is what I was paid for, at 2/6 p^r lb 200^lb of Mr Brogden was also lodged with mine, being in the whole 401^lb stored in our store at this place, 305^lb of which by your order was delivered to Mr Isaac Harris, the remainder by order of the Committee, into the hands of the Militia

I am Gentlemen, Your mo obed^t Servt

Thomas Tillard:

C. S. J. Tuesday 19th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Jenifer attended.

Ordered That Col. Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County deliver unto George Mason and John Dalton Esqrs. of Fairfax County, Virginia, or their Order 10 Barrels of the Gunpowder imported in the Sloop Molly, Thomas Conway Master.

Copy of Letter N° 66 was sent to George Mason and John Dalton Esq^rs Copy of N° 67 to The Committee of Safety of Virginia, and Copies of N° 68 to The Honble George Plater Esquire, and Brigadier General Dent respectively.

Ordered That a Magazine be built at the public Expence in the neighbourhood of Captain James Tootell's under the Inspection of John Hall Esq. upon the following plan viz. A Brick House 16 Feet square with a pigion house Roof. The Walls to be two Bricks to the first Flour, and a Brick and a half afterwards: about 9 Feet Pitch: Walls to be battened with wooden Blocks and lathed and plaistered. Two small Windows with Iron Bars; one Door: Two small Centry Boxes made with Plank on End: An Iron Rod to prevent Lightning falling [on the Magazine].

As it may sometimes be necessary for the Defence of this Province that the Militia should be called into Service to repel sudden Attacks and Invasions before it can be convenient for the Brigadiers General and other Field Officers to receive particular Orders from the Council of Safety, It is therefore

Resolved, that upon such Exigencies the several Brigadiers General may call out and direct and regulate the Operations of the Militia, in their respective Districts according to the best of their Skill and Judgment; and that the other Field Officers where Circumstances will not admit of their applying either to the Council of Safety, or their Brigadier for Orders, have the like Powers with Respect to their several Battalions. But it is required that in all Instances where the Brigadiers shall proceed without particular Orders, that they immediately convey Intelligence of the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council of Safety, and where the other Field Officers act without applying to the Council of Safety or their Brigadier that they also communicate with the utmost Dispatch the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council of Safety as well as to their Brigadier, where from his Situation it may be conveniently done. And the Militia are required to obey all such Orders as shall be made by the Brigadiers or other Field Officers in Pursuance of this Resolve. C. S. J.

Ordered that Copies of the above Resolve be sent to the several Brigadiers General respectively, requesting them to furnish the Colonel of each Battalion in their respective Districts with a Copy thereof.

The End of the first Book.

[Council to Mason and Dalton.] C. S. C. No. 66.

To George Mason and John Dalton Esq^rs

Gent.

In Answer to your Favor of the 15th we have directed Colo Beall to deliver to your order ten Barrels of Gun Powder. We shall do every thing in our Power to promote the general Welfare, and for that Purpose are now encreasing our Marine.

19th March 1776

[Council to Virginia Committee.]

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia. No. 67.

Gent^n

We have your Favor of the 9th of this Month and as we are convinced of the Expediency of constructing the Beacons in the Manner you propose on the Points of the River Potowmack, we shall readily join you in any Expence that may attend the Erection of them and have appointed the Honble George Plater Esqr and Brigadier John Dent to act with the Gentlemen nominated by you for the carrying that Measure into Execution. We shall acquaint them of their Appointment

C. S. C. and we are persuaded they will attend for that Purpose on any notice your Commissioners will be pleased to give them. We have heard little of the Otter and her Tenders since their leaving this River except that they pillaged a small Island on our Eastern Shore. We are not without expectation of another visit from them and shall be extremely obliged for any Intelligence you may be pleased to communicate to us of their Movements.

P. S. We have just received a letter from Geo. Mason and John Dalton Esq[rs] requesting the loan of ten barrels of powder which we have supplied them with for the Use of your Colony.

No. 68. [Council to Plater and Dent.]

To George Plater Esq[r] & Brigadier General Dent, severally. Gent[n]

In consequence of the inclosed Letter from the Committee of Safety of Virginia, desiring us to appoint Commissioners to cooperate with the Gentlemen nominated by them for erecting Beacons on the Shores of the River Potowmack, We have taken the Liberty to appoint yourself and Brigadier George Dent and we hope it may be agreeable to you to attend at any Meeting their Commissioners may desire for carrying that necessary Measure into Execution.

19th March 1776

C. S. J. Tuesday 19 March 1776. [(In Continuation)]

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Kent County send under a Guard of a commissioned Officer and two Privates of Captain Veazey's Company two Barrels and an half of Gunpowder out of the Order received from Cap[t] Tibbit to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive it. Also two Barrels to the Committee of Talbot County, and one Barrel to said Committee for the use of the Committee of Caroline County, and 4½ Barrels to M[r] Richard Harrison of Cambridge for the use of Dorchester Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County send under a Guard of a commissioned Officer and two Privates of Captain Woolford's Company one Barrel of Gunpowder, to the Committee of Somerset, and also one Barrel of Gunpowder to the Committee of Worcester County, or to such person or persons as they shall appoint to receive it.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to C. S. J.
Mr Stephen West ninety five Pounds eleven Shillings and a penny for Gunlocks & Cutteau Knives.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County fifty two Pounds and ten pence Currency to reimburse them for Expences incurred in arming and accoutring Capt Kent's Minute Company.

Copy of Letter N° 69 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County, & Copy of N° 70 to Mr Hugh Young of Baltimore Town.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Patrick Sim thirty nine Pounds thirteen Shillings for Blankets for his Company.

Stephen Gartrill and James Morris together with the Charge against them being sent under Guard to the Council by the Committee of Observation for the Elk Ridge Department of Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the said Stephen Gartrill and James Morris be committed to the Custody of Col. Wm Smallwood till Tomorrow morning.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Queen Anne Committee.] C. S. C. No. 69.

To the Committee of Observation for Queen Anne's County. Gent^n

The inclosed is an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the sum of £52. 0. 2 for Expences incurred as appears by your Account transmitted us in equipping Capt James Kent's Minute Company for their Expedition to Accomack and Northhampton Counties in Virginia; and as the several Articles furnished now belong to the Province we desire you will receive them into your Possession upon the Return of the Company and take proper Care of them. We are sorry it is not in our Power to compensate Mr James Brown, who at the Request of Captn Kent attended his Company in the capacities of Physician and Surgeon, however we assure you we will represent the Matter to the next Convention and do not doubt they will take it into Consideration and as the Measure was expedient, make an adequate Satisfaction for his Trouble and Services.

20th March 1776

C. S. C. No. 70.

[Council to Young.]

To Mr. Hugh Young.

Sir.

We should have answered your Letter of the 11th Instant by Mr Smyth before now, but the Variety of Business before the Council has prevented us. We would have you send out the Nancy Capt Wise immediately under the Orders heretofore given, and finish loading the Schooner Ninety two as speedily as possible and send the Captain to us for his sailing Orders.

20th March 1776

Original.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gent. Capt Tibbit in a Brig from Statia, purchased & loaded by Abram Vanbebber for our Province, arrived here last Week, the Capt applied to us for Orders agreeable to Directions, he had received for that purpose from Vanbebber. We ordered the Cargo to be landed & stored, and the Hands to be discharged,—a few Days since Application was made to us, for the Sale of the Brig to the Congress, which we agreed to, and have delivered her up with the Guns, Stores &c. the acct relative to her, will be settled in a few Days, & shall be transmitted. You have inclosed a List of the Goods imported, all of which, will be forwarded by the Stages, except the Duck. We have retained this, till your Orders, it is an Article very scarce & dear in this City, if you do not want the whole Quantity, we can sell it, at a Price that will leave a considerable Profit—Congress have advanced 22000 Dollars, to be exchanged for Gold & Silver in your Province, this Money would have been sent you had any convenient Opportunity offered. R. A. who intended for Maryland last Sunday, prevented our writing, by the Saturdays post as he proposed going to Annapolis, and could give you fuller Information of the state of Affairs, than can be contained within the Compass of a Letter. We make no doubt you have heard various reports relative to a Mr Temple, who came passenger in the packet & is now in this City, before his arrival here it was asserted, that he was charged with Dispatches from the Minority to Congress, that Courts were appointed with full powers, and that if on their arrival in America, the different Assemblies refused to treat, they were to treat with Congress; Temple on his arrival, delivered his Budget, which was truly farsical, being only a Button of his Coat, in which was contained a Scrawl from Arthur Lee informing Congress that Troops were to sail from Ireland & for other Particulars referring to Temple, who could give Information, as he Lee had

acquainted him with the state of Affairs & the Designs of Administration. We have never seen Temple, it is said, he is sick, some say he is mad, from his conduct in taking this Journey to deliver such a trifling Letter, if this is his sole Business, the latter Opinion seems well founded. The Packet Letters are put on board the Asia Man of War, the Postmaster it is reported has refused to deliver any Letters unless the Postage of the whole is paid. We are in Expectation of an Express from Boston; Gen[l] Washington took possession of Dorchester Parish which commands South Boston it is said by letter to Congress that Howe was embarquing his Artillery Stores &c in the greatest confusion.

Phila[da] 19th March 1776. We are with respect
Gen[t] Your Hb[le] Servants,
The Delegates of Maryland.

Wednesday 20th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 71 was sent to M[r] William Ennalls of Dorchester County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess[rs] William Lux and Daniel Bowly One hundred and ninety one pounds six Shillings and six Pence for Cloathing for the Troops.

Copy of Letter N° 72 was sent to Col. John Veazey of Cecil County.

Ordered That all Vessels loaded with Country Produce on account and Risque of this Province proceed as soon as may be on their Voyage agreeable to Contract.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County be requested to furnish the Council of Safety with an Account of the Gunpowder and Chests of Arms received by them from the Northward, and also of the Cartouch Boxes delivered the Militia upon the late Alarm and to collect and lodge them in the Magazine at Baltimore Town; Also to prove the Cannon offered the Committee by M[r] Hercules Courtenay at his Expence, and report the Value and Condition thereof to the Council.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood [be requested to send] Stephen Gartrill and James Morris under a Guard immediately to the Council of Safety.

Commissions issued to Timothy M[c]Nemara appointed Captain, John Stewart M[c]Nemara 1 L[t] Charles Johnson 2[d] L[t] and John Carwan Ensign of a Company of Militia in Dorchester County.

C. S. J. Also to Benjamin Keene appointed Captain, John Keene Junr 1 Lt Richard Tubman 2d Lt and John Griffith Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Ann Arundel County having been read charging Stephen Gartrill during the Time Mr Richard Hall was on Duty at Baltimore Town with endeavouring to seduce said Richard Hall from his Post and the said Stephen Gartrill having been called upon and heard in his Defence; and alledging in Excuse that he was requested by the Wife of Richard Hall who had lately lost her Child to come Home, and that he had no Designs inimical to the People of this Province.

Ordered That the said Stephen Gartrill ask pardon for his Offence at the Head of the Elk-Ridge Battalion at the Time of their next meeting and that he be discharged on payment of one Moiety of all Expences attending the bringing him down to Annapolis and of the Guard staying here.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Observation of Ann Arundel County being read, charging James Morris with speaking Words inimical to the Liberties of America, and that he was suspected of other high and dangerous Offences and the said Morris being called upon and heard in his Defence.

Ordered That the said James Morris give Security for his Appearance before the Council of Observation on the first Thursday in April next, and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time and that he be dismissed for the present on complying with the above Order and paying one Moiety of all Expences attending the bringing him down to Annapolis & of the Guard staying here.

Copy of Letter N° 73 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County.

James Morris recognized to the Council in the Sum of twenty Pounds, and three Securities, Richard Hall, Alexander Melvill, and Stephen Gartrill in the Sum of ten pounds Currency each, for the Appearance of James Morris before the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County on the first Thursday in April next, and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time.

Ordered That the Petition of Henry Ridgely and others against issuing Commissions to the Officers of John Burgesses Company, be taken into Consideration on Wednesday the 3d of April next, and that notice be given to the Parties to attend the Council on that Day.

Notice was given accordingly.

Ordered That Captain Joseph Robson of Dorchester County deliver to Captain Thomas Woolford 10 Musquets with the Accoutrements thereto belonging, the Property of this Province, which were received from the Committee of Kent County

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captain Thomas Woolford fifty five Pounds thirteen Shillings and nine Pence [for Blankets] for the use of his Company. C. S. J.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Fluke eight Pounds five Shillings for Waggonage.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Brice fifty five Shillings for Walnut Plank.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Thomas Gassaway Eleven Pounds six Shillings and six Pence for 453 lb Lead.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Ennalls.] C. S. C. No. 71.

To Mr William Ennalls (Dorchr County.)

Sir.

Your Favour of the 16th Instant relative to the Payment of Paper-Money for the Specie you had collected in Pursuance of our Order to Messrs Ennals, Murray and Steel was delivered us by Capt. Woolford. The Council has some time past given general Orders to the Treasurers of the Western & Eastern Shores to pay out of the Treasury Bills of Credit for any Sums that should be delivered them in Gold or Silver; you will therefore apply to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for Payment of Paper-Money for what Specie you may deliver him.

20th March 1776

[Council to Veazey.] No. 72.

To Colo John Veazey

Sir,

In Consequence of a Letter we received from Mr Thompson of 14th of last Month advising us of the Importation of 8 Tons of Gun-Powder in Delaware by Capt Nathaniel Rumsey; and that he had engaged to supply your County with one Ton of it; we wrote you immediately requesting you would secure the whole for the Use of this Province and transmitted by Capt. Craigg the sum of £500 for the Ton engaged; but as we have since understood none of the Powder was to be had we desire you will return the Money by the first safe Conveyance and hope you will excuse our taking this Liberty with you; as we are not yet furnished with the Plates and Paper for the new Emission and Drafts come in every Day upon our Treasury which is reduced very low.

21st March 1776

C.S. C.

[Kell's Protest.]

Northampton County Virginia March 20th 1776.

Personally appeared before me one of his Majesties Justices of s^d County Thomas Kell master of the Schooner Dolphin of and from Baltimore Robert Bailey mate & William Cunningham seeman and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that on the 12th day of February 1776, they sailed from Baltimore bound for the Island of Martinico, and on the 26th ult being betwixt the horse shoe, and Cape Henry was chased by two of the Kings Row boats & one tender, which caused them to bear away & run into Cheristone for the Safety of Vessel & cargo, & there waited for a favourable opportunity to run to sea, & farther these deponents declares that on the 4th of March a sloope tender attempted to come in to said harbour in order to take them out but was prevented by running aground, & farther declare that on the 18th Instant a sloop tender came in & took possession of said Schooner Dolphin, hove up her anchor and made sale in order to run her out & at the esterne of the harbour they run aground, after which said Tender plundered & took from said Dolphen salt & fresh provisions togeather with cordage cabbin furniture &c, and on the 19th the said Tender made another attempt to carry out the Schooner Dolphin but was repulsed & prevented by two companies of minute men, one Company of Regulars, & several of the Militia, and finding that said Schooner Dolphin could not get out with safety and consulting the Committee in the County of Northampton, which their advise was to land the s^d cargo & then for the s^d Captn to proceed up to the owners for further orders from Council of Safety and the Deponents protests against the said Tenders & Row boats for their detention, Damages &c. which they and their owners have or may sustain from the said Tenders & Row boats

Given under my hand the date above Henry Guy

[Somerville to Council.]

Gentlemen. Calvert County March 20th 1776.

In obediance of the appointment from your Honourable Board (as a collector of hard Cash) have collected about £200 which is now in my possession and only wait for a safe opportunity to convey it to you. I have given this day an order on the Treasurer of the Western Shore to pay Col. Fitzhugh £24..14..2 Curr^y for the gold and silver I had of him. If you point out the way of conveyance it will be strictly by Gentlemen,

Your most ob^dt Hb^le Servant,

Alex. Somerville

P. S. If the paper Curr^{cy} is not soon sent I shall be obliged to return the hard money. A. S. C. S. C.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. On the arrival of Capt Tibbet we engaged a Boat, on Board of which shipped the Powder and arms, together with one Ton of Powder advanced by Congress & 1875 lbs. returned by Congress for the Quantity borrowed by Col. Harrison, this Boat went to Christiana Bridge, from whence the powder was sent to Bal^{t} in waggons, of this transaction, we advised you by the Return of the Express, that brought the Intelligence of the Otter & her Tenders arrival in Patapsco. The q^{ty} of Powder that was private Property in Tibbet, was very small, part of it was owned by a Gent. in Accomack County in Virginia, the Residue about 6 or 8 q^{r} Casks, Mr Bowley informs us, is the property of a Gent^{n} in Balt. to whom it was sent. Powder is an article that cannot be purchased in this City. M$_{r}$ Johnson had a Sum of Money lodged in his Hands by Co^{l} Hollingsworth of Cecil County to purchase a small q^{ty} of powder for that County, the Money being raised by Subscription for that Purpose: this he could not accomplish and at the pressing Instance of that City, we procured from Congress 5 Barrels which is sent down.—the Demand from the Eastward being very great, and our Magazine almost empty, prevents our making any further Application.

Phil^{a} We are with respect Gen^{t} y^{r} Hble Servt^{s}
20 March 1776 R. Alexander for self & Colleagues.

Tuesday 21 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 73 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County.

A Letter was received from the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County and answered (Vid N° 74.)

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Caroline County be requested to send to the Committee of Talbot County for a Barrel of Gunpowder lodged with them for the use of Caroline County, and that a commissioned Officer of the Militia guard the same, and the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay the Expence thereof.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut. William Harrison five hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Captain Veazey's Company.

C. S. J. Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Cap[t] Thomas Woolford two hundred and fifty Pounds Currency on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N° 73 was sent to the Committees of Observation for Somerset and Worcester Counties *mutatis mutandis*.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood deliver to Lieut. W[m] Harrison two Bolts of Osnaburgs for the use of Captain Veazey's independent Company.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood deliver to Capt. Thomas Woolford 20 p[s] Oznaburgs, 56 Cartouch Boxes and Belts, 31 French Muskets and Bayonets with Slings, and half a Ream of Cartridge paper: The Osnaburgs to be equally distributed between the Captains James Hindman, John Gunby, John Watkins and Thomas Woolford, for the use of their respective Companies.

Ordered That Capt. Thomas Woolford be empowered to contract for the making as many Bayonets and Scabbards as may be necessary for such of the Musquets in the Hands of his Company, as are not already fitted with them.

The Council contracted with Edward Timmins for the making of Steel Ramrods at five Shillings each.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 73.

[Council to Queen Anne Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Queen Anne's County.

Gent[n]

We have transmitted a Copy of the inclosed Order to the Committee of Observation for Kent County & expect they will send the Gun-Powder to you early in next Week as it probably will be with them on Saturday from Philadelphia. Upon the late Alarm some Powder was given into the Hands of the Militia on this side of the Bay and we fear 'twill be difficult to collect the greatest Part of it again, and that too much of what may remain with the People will be lost to the Public. We recommend it to you therefore to deliver to the Captains of the Companies on the Water as much as you may conceive will be sufficient (taking their Receipts) with Orders not to distribute it among their respective Companies until there is a real Necessity & to keep the Residue in some convenient Part of your County, where upon an Emergency, the other Companies may be supplied.

21st March 1776

[Council to Dorchester Committee.] C. S. C. No. 74.

To the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County.

In Council of Safety Annapolis March 21st 1776.

Gentn

We received yrs. of the 15th Instant by Capt Woolford, and are much pleased to hear that the Militia of your County behaved with so much Spirit and Alacrity on the late Alarm occasioned by the Otter Sloop of War and her Tender's Appearance in the Bay, but at the same Time we are concerned to find they have so few good Arms among them. We doubt not but that the same noble and generous Spirit which induced them to step forth on the late Occasion in Defence of our just Rights and Privileges and those of their Fellow-Citizens, will support them under every Difficulty they may have to encounter. You may be assured that the Council will give them, as well as every other Part of the Province all the Assistance in their Power. We have ordered the Arms & Powder imported by Capt. Tibbitt for the Use of the Province down to Chester Town, from whence the Arms will be distributed among the regular Troops stationed on the Eastern Shore, and a Proportion of the Powder sent to the Committee of each County. Inclosed we send you an Order for the Distribution of the Powder which we have ordered to be sent to Cambridge to Mr Hanson's Care by the Committee of Kent County and we hope will reach you by the Middle of next Week as also an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the Payment of the Expence of sending forward that for Worcester and Somerset Counties. Upon the late Alarm some Powder was given into the Hands of the Militia on this Side of the Bay and we fear it will be difficult to collect the greatest Part of it again and that too much of what may remain with the People will be lost to the Public. We recommend it to you therefore to deliver to the Captains on the Water-side, as much as you may conceive will be sufficient (taking their Receipts) with Orders, not to distribute it among the respective Companies, until there is a real Necessity and to keep the Residue in some convenient Part of your County, where upon any Emergency, the other Companies may be readily supplied. We have given Captn Woolford an Order on Captn Robson for the Provincial Arms, which he received from the Committee of Observation of Kent County & we hope soon to be able to compleatly arm his and the other Independent Companies stationed on your Shore.

21st March 1776.

C. S. C. [W. Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 21 March 1776.

Gentlemen. By a letter I rec[d] from M[r] Bowly by this days post he tells me our delegates had ordered all the sail cloth to be left at Phil[a] the other things were to come in the Packet on Tuesday, I expect they mean to sell the sail cloth as the price is very high there, we sold ours at £9. 10 p Bolt. If the Gent[n] have not wrote you their reasons for doing it, I think you had better order it down, as perhaps you may not soon meet a further supply. Gen[l] Lee got here last night and has been to view our Battery, he thinks it very well executed, and that it will answer the intention. He has taken M[r] Massenbaugh with him to Virg[a] & says he understands his business & that he cant do without him. I desired him to write you a line on the occasion, because as you had been pleased to give him the Com[o] chiefly through my intercession, I desired to stand acquitted to you, that he has promised to do. M[r] Massenbach would have waited on you to thank you for your favors, but the Gen[l] was in so great a hurry and said he must go with him.

I am with the highest respect, Gent[n]
Your most obed[t] Serv[t] Will[m] Lux.

C. S. J. Friday 22[d] March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except M[r] Carroll.

The Council contracted with Isaac Harris to make 200 Steel Ramrods at 3/9 each.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood deliver to Lieutenant John Steward 50 stand of French Arms, [4 Bolts Osnaburgs,] and half a Ream of Cartridge paper for the use of Capt. John Allen Thomas's independent Company.

Copy of Letter N[o] 75 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County.

Ordered That the Captains of the several independent Companies, and also the Captains of the Artillery Companies, render a particular Account of the Expenditure of the Monies supplied them for the use of their respective Companies, up to the third Day of April next.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N[o] 76 was sent to Capt. John Allen Thomas.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Kent County or their Order, their Account of Expences for sending Powder & Arms to Queen Ann's, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties as well as the

Expence of the Carriage of Powder & Arms ordered to be sent from Philadelphia to Chester Town under the Care of Mr Houston. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 77 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut. Moses Chaille three hundred and fifty Pounds Currency on Account of Capt. Watkins' Company.

Copy of Letter N° 78 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, and Copy of N° 79 to the Committee of Observation for Charles County.

Mr Charles Wallace produced and delivered to the Council unsigned Bills of Credit to the Amount of £6000 Currency, which he was ordered to bring from the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Ordered That the same be delivered to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

Copy of Letter N° 80 was sent to the Chairman of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Silas Howell, Wm Sellars and John Wilson (whose Vessel was taken from them in Chesapeak Bay by the Otter Sloop of War) thirty Shillings each to defray their Expence to Philadelphia.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Calvert Committee.]

C. S. C. No. 75.

To the Committee of Observation for Calvert County

Gentn

As it was thought by the last Convention that 50 Regular Troops would be sufficient to watch the Movements of the Ships of War and their Tenders on your Coast and to repel any sudden Attack or Invasion which might be attempted by small Parties, and as we do not conceive your Situation more dangerous now than it was then, so we cannot think ourselves at Liberty to station an additional Number of Men in your County. We wish to prevent the Militia's being harassed, and apprehend when Capt Beall arrives at his Station, which we imagine will be by the last of next Week there will not be any occasion for them to move unless a more formidable Force should come up the Bay than has yet appeared, which we have no Reason to expect for some Time; under which Circumstance the Number you speak of would not avail, and the Militia would be under a Necessity of taking the Field.

We have renewed our Orders to the Committee of Observa-

S. C. tion for Charles County, and if they are not shortly complied with, will send you some Powder from hence. As to furnishing you with Arms, tho' it would afford us the highest Satisfaction, yet from our Inability we cannot experience the Pleasure of gratifying you, not having a Sufficiency for the Regular Forces.

22 March 1776

No. 76. [Council to Elk-Ridge Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for the Elk Ridge Department in Ann Arundel County

Gent[n]

We have called James Morris before us and not finding his Affair in such a Situation as that we can go into a plenary Hearing we have thought proper to oblige him to give Security for his good Behaviour, and also for his Appearance before the Committee of Observation on the first Thursday in April next against which Time, if you think it necessary, you may order Witnesses to attend to enforce his Charge & send him down to us again or not as the Facts may appear. Stephen Gartrell hath been heard and is ordered to make proper Concessions at the Head of the Elk Ridge Battalion at their next Meeting and to pay one Moiety of the Expense of bringing him down, Guards &[c] James Morris to pay the other moiety.

No. 77. [Council to Thomas.]

To Capt[n] John Allen Thomas

Sir.

We received a Letter of the 15th Inst. from M[r] Mackall advising us that you thought a Virginia Pilot-Boat which the Calvert County Guards had stopped some Days past would be very useful, as well for conveying the Troops from one County to the other, as for taking any small Tenders which might come into your River, and that the Owner would sell her on reasonable Terms, and requesting our Opinion upon the Expediency of purchasing and arming her for the Use of the Province. We cannot conceive a Pilot Boat properly calculated to transmit Troops across a narrow River in which upon an Alarm given, unless the Wind should suit, they cannot sail from one place to another with that Expedition the Service might require, and as to repelling any hostile Attacks which may be made by Tenders, we do not think that Boat would be sufficient for the Purpose as nothing less than an eight or ten Gun Vessel would offer to run up our Rivers to commit Dep-

redations. These and other reasons will not justify our pur- C. S. C.
chasing her for the Services suggested.

23 March 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 78.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n] Two Ton of Powder or near that Quantity we believe has been lately received at Baltimore Town from Philadelphia, one Ton of which M[r] Alexander wrote us, was intended for Virginia, but given up by their Deputies on Occasion of the late Alarm. we wish to be informed whether we are indebted to Virginia or to Congress for that last Ton, if to Virginia we can easily settle the Account, because we have already lent them 12 Barrels—2 for the lower Counties—10 for their Sloop of War at Alexandria. Musketts by Captain Tibbitt not yet come to Hand, they are much wanted, our Independent Companies are very importunate for Arms, which we have not as yet been able to supply them with. Our Gunsmiths go on very slowly, and we want small Arms very much, permit us to request you would remind the Congress of those lent for fitting out the Hornet and Wasp. We are anxious to have all the Powder secured we can, and should be glad to know what Quantity Mess[rs] Willing and Morris sent, and whether any more is to be expected from that Quarter soon. We are satisfied so far as relates to the Province with the sale of the Vessell called Wild Dick, W Lux seems not altogether pleased and talks that he had some Claim, but we think he ought to be contented, all things considered. Some Gold and Silver have already come in, and more might be got had we Cash to exchange, we are in daily Expectation of the Arrival of the Continental Money; as also of our Plates and Paper for the new Emission; we admire much at your Silence on that Head, and can account for it no otherwise than by taking it for granted that your Attention is engaged on Subjects of more Importance. We have heretofore requested you would let us know the Pay of Officers and Seamen engaged in the Continental Navy, and must again remind you of sending it to us that we may settle the Pay in our Province. We can spare fifty Pieces of the heaviest Duck and most unfit for Tents, the rest you will pleased to forward to us by the Stages. All is quiet here at Present, nothing new only that the Man of War in her passage down plundered Sharp's Island and carried off some Stock and had taken a small Vessell belonging to Col[o] Tayloe; a flying Report by Charles Landsdale this Day, that they were lately seen at the mouth of Potowmack. Your

C. S. C. information with regard to Mr Temple falls much short of the great Expectations raised by the Public Papers, and by private Letters heretofore received; be pleased to send us the earliest Intelligence which way Lord Howe steers his Course from Boston, that if he comes this way we may be prepared to receive him.

P. S. If the Lead be not already sent off please order four Ton to Chester Town for the use of the Eastern Shore.

23 March 1776

No. 79. [To Charles County Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Charles County.

Gentn

We received a Letter yesterday from Mr Mackall one of the Committee of Observation for Calvert County advising us that they had not been supplied with Powder and Lead from your County agreable to an Order of the Council which was made and transmitted you the 23rd of January. Delay upon such Occasions may be attended with dangerous Consequences and it will be impossible for us to direct the military Operations with any Probability of Success unless our Requisitions are complied with. Calvert is greatly oppressed and ought not to be without a proper supply of Ammunition. You may be assured it is our Wish to provide equally for the Defence of every Part of the Province and that we will not reduce your Stock below your Proportion. It appears by a Report of the Committee appointed by the last Convention to enquire into the State of the Arms and Ammunition that there were 1205½ lbs Powder in your County, and from them there have been but 250 sent to St. Mary's, so that you have now 955½ remaining. We desire you will therefore immediately dispatch the Barrels of Powder and Lead ordered to Calvert. When a further Distribution is made we will supply you with a full share.

24 March 1776

No. 80. [Council to Hanson.]

To John Hanson Esqr Chairman of the Committee of the M. District of Fredk County.

In Council of Safety
Annapolis March 22nd 1776

Sir.

We received your Letter of the 11th Inst. advising us what Price Sulphur bears in your County. We do not think our-

selves authorized to exceed the Price ascertained by the late Convention, which was 6^{d} p^{lb}, therefore have to inform you we cannot advise the Purchase of it at 8^{d} p^{r} ^{lb} C. S. C.

[W. Lux to Council.]

Gentlemen. The inclosed is a letter from Mr Massenbach of thanks for your favours. The bearer Mr Robt Porteus comes to solicit an appointment in his stead, he is a young man who has lived some time in this town with Capt Ewing as a clerk, in which department he has behaved very well. I believe he does not profess any military knowledge, but if you think him worthy of the station, I dare say he will exert himself: Mr Hughes cast one 18 pounder on Monday & it was bored, he expected to have 4 ready by last night and begs to have a person sent up to prove them that if any fault he may remedy it before he proceeds too far, he thinks these will answer your expectation and turn out exceeding fine, and he can have them down by tuesday or Wednesday next, pray order some person up to prove them directly: Mr Bowly is not yet returned as soon as he does, you will be waited on by,

Gent^{n} Your most obed^{t} Servt

Baltimore 22 March 1776. Willm Lux.

Saturday 23^{d} March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copies of Letter N° 81 were sent to Doct^{rs} Ephraim Howard and Samuel Coale respectively.

Mr Nicholas Moore was appointed 2^{d} Lieut. of Captain John Fulford's Company of Matrosses in the Room of Mr Felix Louis Baron Massenbach who resigned, and Mr William Campbell 3^{d} Lieutenant of said Company in the Room of Mr Moore. Commissions issued to them accordingly.

Copy of Letter N° 82 was sent to each Committee of Observation in the Province.

Upon Application of Robert Lee, a Person inlisted by a Sergeant of Capt. Thomas's Company, Ordered That he be discharged on returning his Inlistment & Subsist money.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Thomas Charles Williams & Co. twenty two Pounds four Shillings and six pence for [lead] &c as per Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Stone fifty pounds on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Fulford two hundred Pounds on Account of his Company.

S. J. Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon six Pounds seventeen Shillings and six Pence for stocking 11 Musquets.

Copy of Letter N° 83 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Kent County; and Copy of N° 84 to Mr Stephen West.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 O'Clock.

S. C. No. 81. [Council to Howard and Coale.]

To Doct^rs^ Ephraim Howard and Saml Coale (E. Ridge) Gent^n^

We hope to have a Powder-Mill erected early this Spring and as we much depend on our Works for a supply of Salt Petre, are anxious to know how much we have already in the Province and what it may reasonably be presumed we may expect to be provided with by the Middle or last of April, and therefore request you'll immediately inform us of the Quantity of crude Nitre you have made, and what you can supply p Week. We have Great dependance on your Works from your Abilities and Assiduity, and the Sum of Money furnished you by the former Council of Safety to carry it on extensively.

24 March 1776

No. 82. [Council to Committees.]

To the Committees of Observation of the several Counties (respectively)

Gent^n^

The great Difficulty we find in providing Blankets for the regular Forces raised for the Defence of this Province obliges us to apply to the Committees of Observation for the several Counties earnestly requesting that they would use their Endeavours to procure from the House-Keepers in their respective Counties all the Blankets or Rugs that they can with any Convenience spare, for which the Council will pay such price as the Committee shall agree on as well as any Expence that may arise in collecting them together, and when you have procured any Quantity you will send them to Annapolis to Col° Smallwood or in his Absence to the commanding Officer on the Station who will receive the same and give orders on the Council for the Payment thereof. We hope that the Friends to our Cause in your County will contribute every thing in their Power to the comfortable Subsistence of the Soldiery in this Respect; it will be an Act of great Humanity and rendering an essential Service to the Public.

23^d^ March 1776

[Council to Kent Committee.] C. S. C. No. 83.

To the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

Gent[n]

On the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant p[r] M[r] Houston, we took the Subject-Matter thereof into our Consideration, and resolved to send Houston to Philadelphia with Orders for all the Powder and Arms imported in the Wild Duck, Capt Tibbitt, to be sent to Chester to your Care for the Use of the Eastern Shore.

We are much pleased with the commendable Spirit which the Militia of your County manifested on the late Alarm, but are concerned to hear they are so ill provided with Arms. The Council think it unnecessary to order the Minute-Companies up from Virginia, as they will soon return from their Station.

We are much obliged to you for the Assistance you have given Capt[n] Veazey in accommodating his Company and wish you to continue your good Offices to him. We expected our Commissary would have furnished Cap[tn] Veazey's Company with their Rations of Provisions before the Date of your Letter; since then he has assured us he would immediately send a sufficient Quantity of Provisions to Chester for the Company.

As soon as the Arms and Powder which we have ordered by Mr. Houston from Philadelphia to your Care, arrives at Chester, we request you would send immediately to us an Account of the Number of Arms; that we may order a proper Distribution to be made among the Troops Stationed on the Eastern-Shore—inclosed we transmit you our Order requesting you to send the Powder therein mentioned to Queen Ann's, Talbot and Dorchester Counties, and also an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern-Shore for the Payment of the Carriage of the Arms and Powder from Philadelphia to Chester as well as for the Expence of sending the Powder ordered to Queen Ann's, Talbott and Dorchester and what Arms we may also order to those Counties, tho' we desire you would not send the Powder untill we have given Directions how the Arms are to be distributed, that they may also be sent by the same Conveyance

24th March 1776

[Council to West.] No. 84.

To Mr. Stephen West.

Sir:

We have been informed that you have a Quantity of coarse Blankets that are very suitable for the Soldiery who are in

C. S. C. great Want of that necessary Article, and are afraid it will be some Time before we shall be able to provide them, and that the Soldiers in the mean Time may suffer very much for Want of them. Under these Circumstances & from the Zeal you have manifested in the Cause, we make no Doubt but that you will readily spare all you possibly can, notwithstanding you may have laid them aside for the Use of your own Family. You'll please to write us on this Subject by the first Opportunity and acquaint us what Blankets you may think proper to supply the Public, and the Price, for which we will send you an Order on the Treasurer & order them directly here.

25th March 1776

[Lee's Petition.]

The Humble petn of Robert Lee:

To the Honourable the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland, Sheweth. That your petr on Wednesday the 7th of this instant February being in company at Lower Marlbro (not then being sensible of the engagement he then had entered into and being over persuaded) entered inadvertantly into the thirteen united colonies service not considering the danger and distress his aged mother would be involved in by his engagement with one Frizby Freeland to perform work for him which he cannot under his present situation do: That your petr wod always be ready to serve his country in defence of Freedom, but at this time it will be the total ruin of his aged parent, as she now lives in the house hired by him of the said Frisby Freeland who will distrain for rent unless he is able to perform his agreement with him: That your petrs mother is upwards of sixty years of age and has no dependance for support but by your petrs labour: Your petr most humbly pray you would consider him in your kind compassion as a dutyfull child and grant him his discharge, And your petr as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

[February 1776]

[Kent and Henry to Council.]

Head Quarters Northampton, Virginia 23th March 1776.

Honble Gentn We Imbrace this opportunity by Captn Kell, who has been some weeks blocked up in this harbour by Tenders, on Monday evening last a Tender came into Cherriton Creek and carried out a sloop belonging to Isaac Vaughn and got Captn Kells schooner under way but luckily run aground

our Companies who are stationed at the Courthouse got down a little after dark; and as there was a ship and 5 small craft in the offing that we supposed to be the man of War and Tenders that were up the Bay with you, we planted centinals along the bay shore, and went to heaving up an Intrenchment opposite to Capt Kells schooner, we discovered nothing of the Tender till the morning when she weighed anchor & came too opposite our little breast work & an engagement ensued which lasted about an hour, when we obliged the Tender to retreat without carrying out the schooner. We shall be exceedingly thankfull for the continental regulations relative to victualing and paying off troops; We were oblige to send Mr Bruff to the Treasurer for the money to pay one months wages to our Companies. We hope your honors will make some provision for get^{g} the companies home, as also for our surgeons, we are very respectfully c. s. c.

Gent^{n} Your very hble Servt^{s}
James Kent. William Henry.

P. S. As Captn Kell will return here again has promised to wait on you for any Commands you may have to us.

[Minute of Northampton Committee.]

Northampton County Virginia 20th March 1776. In Committee. Capt Thomas Kell commander of the schooner Dolphin having put into Charriton Harbour being chased by one of the Tenders who have made several attempts to take possession of her since and the said Capt Kell having appeared before the committee and desired their opinion what part to act, and there appearing no probibility of getting safe out, and thinking it would be attended with fatal consequences to suffer such a valuable cargo to fall into the hands of the enemy, Recommend to the captain to unload her without loss of time and run her up the creek, and wait the farther direction of the owners. Extract from the minutes.
Drury Stith C. Com.

[Hands to Council.]

Gentlemen. Mr Houston just now returned from Philadelphia and delivered me the inclosed letter which I should have sent unopened but he told me he had directions from Mr Alexander to deliver the letter to either Mr Smyth or myself if in this town and to desire us to open it and see the contents and carefully to transmit it to you, as it might be imprudent to

C. S. C. intrust it to a casual conveyance I have engaged a person to take the care of it to you by way of Rock-Hall with orders that should he be pursued in the bay and be in danger of being taken to sink the letter with weights. Mr Houston brings no intelligence worth communicating.

I am Gent Yr Hble Servt

Chester Town. Thos B. Hands. 23rd Mar. 1776.

[J. Steward to Council.]

Gentlemen. The late convention were pleased to Honour me with an appointment in the regular independent service of this province. I am well pleased with my present situation, but from the consideration that I cannot attain so just a knowledge of Military duty in it, as in the Battalion or artillery I wish to exchange for the vacancy in Capt Fuffords company; If gentlemen you think I merit such Favour, it shall be my constant study to qualify myself for the Post.

I am gentlemen with the greatest respect,

23d March 1776. Yr obt Servant,

Jno Steward

[J. Beall to Council.]

Bladensburgh 24th March 1776.

Gentlemen. I received yours of the 19th instant, with the commitions for the majors and other officers in the 25th Battalion; requesting me to recommend proper persons as a second Lieut and ensign in Captn Warrings company, and an ensign in Capt Richardsons Company. As to the first, Mr Baruk Duckett was commissioned by the convention & has acted as ensign in that company; I am therefore at a loss about recommending a second person till I know whether you intend to remove, or leave him out of that company Mr Joseph Carlton who has acted as first serjant to that company ever since it was formed, and is very capable of acting in either of those offices, would be very agreeable both to the officers & men of that Company: I am not yet well enough acquainted with Capn Richardsons company to fix on any particular person in that, but will in a few days inform myself and send up his name. inclosed you have some accts for wood and candles furnished the guard at this place, as also for the hire of an express to Annapolis, to acquaint you with the arrival of the powder. I have received your order for the delivery of ten barrels to the Gentlemen in Virginia, which will be delivered this day. And I sincerely wish there may be as speedy dis-

tributions of the remainder, the Militia in this neighbourhood has attended on guard pretty well as yet, but I find they begin to grumble much since, the delivery of the 22 barrels to the wagons for Annapolis, I have got it all in one house, and keep only a serjeant & 12 men as a guard over it, in order to make the duty easier to the people and cheaper to the province. At the time of calling my Battalion together by your order; I furnished one company, with powder lead & flints in proportion to the armes they had fit for service out of the ammunition purchased in Bladensburgh and have given orders to the Cap^{ns} of the distant companys to receive thirty pounds of powder lead & flints in proportion, that may have it ready on any sudden alarm to furnish such of their men as have arms fit for use, and as no one but those who have expearanced it can tell the time it takes to furnish a company on any sudden immergency I think if we have a sufficient stock of ammunition, it would be highly necessary in our present situation to furnish every Cap^{n} of a malitia in the province in the same manner, however I shall submit this to your determination, and give no further orders without your approbation therein: pray send me the money for the inclosed acct^{s} and likewise some money for the further support of the guard, or, let me know in what manner those expenses are to be paid, otherwise I am afraid I shall not be able to keep up a guard much longer. C. S. C.

I am Gent^{n} y^{r} most obed^{t} hum^{l} Servt

Joseph Beall

Monday 25th March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Commissions issued to Baruch Duckett appointed 2^{d} L^{t} and Joseph Carleton Ensign of Capt. Basil Waring's Company of Militia in Prince George's County.

Copies of Letter N° 85 were sent to The Honble George Plater Esqr and Brigadier General Dent respectively.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Nicholas Maccubbin & Son thirty three Pounds seven Shillings Currency for Shoes for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris twelve pounds ten Shillings as p^{r} Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Hugh Young Eighty five Pounds thirteen Shillings and seven Pence, being the Ballance of his Account in Consequence of [the] Adventure p^{r} the Brig Nancy.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 85.

[Council to Plater and Dent.]

To George Plater Esqr & Brigadier Genl Dent.

Gent^{n}

Col^{o} Mercer has been with us this Day and is very desirous a Time and Place should be appointed for meeting to consult about setting up Beacons on the River Potowmack. We have agreed with him that Port Tobacco should be the Place and Tuesday the second of April the Time. You will be pleased to attend accordingly, agreeable to your former appointment.

[Barrister Carroll to Jenifer.]

My dear Major. I was so much out of order that I was obliged to leave Annap. earlier in the morning than I intended, that I might not hurry myself too much in my ride home, unfortunately I got wet before I reached the mount, & fear from the pains I have in my hand & knees & other appearances that I shall have a small fit of the gout, before I again get to rights, however shall be able to judge in two or three days, if I should escape I am so intirely unhinged that I do not think I can venture to Annapolis before monday next. I hope Mr Rumsey will be down that Mr Smyth may not be detained longer than is convenient to him. I desired J. T. to request the Council to let me have their opinions about the Tender now fitting out & I would manage that business while up here. I find by what I yesterday heard that many in town think she is so dull a sailor that she will be of no use. let me also know if any directions to be given about sending down hats, Cartridge Boxes &c. I find we must look for another 2^{d} Lieut for our Annapolis Artillery Company as General Lee has taken Mr Massenbauch with him. Let me know whether the Council think of coming up to Balt. if any thing new let us have it.

I am d^{r} Major y^{r} affec. friend & Servt

Mt Clare Mar. 25th 1776. Chas Carroll.

To the Honble Daniel of St Thos Jenifer Esqr

[Woolford to Council.]

Cambridge 25 March 1776.

Gentlemen. I received an order for a man Inlisted in my company by name Daniel Brophy you^{l} be kind enough to inform the man who owns him as a servant; that I will see the sum of fourteen pounds paid him or his order on first sight:

I am gentlemen with esteem yours.

Thomas Woolford:

[Garrett to Rumsey.] C. S. C.

Sir. I had a line from you about Bayonets, I forged out by a servant I had (since runaway) about sixty, for one of the Militia Companys, and offered them at six shillings per peice I deliver one as a sample they are mostly unfinished but I could get them done by another smith I have, if I could have a guage given me as to the size of the Barrel they were originally intended to fix on guns of different Bores but if I had the size of the Muskets Barrel they can be finished all but fitting them to the sight which must be done by an artificer with the piece by him. if the Council of Safety should incline to take these, I will set about them and its likely I may make them up one hundred or more if I can & deliver them to your order, if I had the guns I w^{d} gladly fit them but it cant be well done without.

I am Sir y^{r} Hble Servt

25 March 1776. Amos Garrett.

To Benjamin Rumsey Esqr

Tuesday 26th March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 86 was sent to the Chairman of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County, and Copy of N° 87 to Mr Daniel Hughes.

Commissions issued to Amon Riggs appointed Captain George Cullem 1 Lt Brock Mockbee 2^{d} L^{t} and Nathan Linthicum Ensign of a Company of Militia in the lower District of Frederick County.

Also to Richard Smith appointed Captain, Walter White 1 Lt George Norris 2^{d} L^{t} and Thomas Hays Ensign of a Cadet Company of Militia in said District of said County.

Also to John Adlum appointed Captain, John Ferguson 1 Lt Christian Weaver 2^{d} L^{t} and Thomas Beatty Ensign of a Company of Militia in the Middle District of said County.

Also to Peter Mantz appointed Captain, Adam Grash 1 Lt Peter Adams 2^{d} L^{t} and Nicholas White Ensign of a Company of Militia in said District of said County.

And to William Ritchie appointed Quarter Master of the 33^{d} Battalion of Militia, Frederick County.

Copy of Letter N° 88 was sent to Col. Joshua Beall of Prince George's County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Beriah Maybury twenty three Shillings and six Pence for Expences incurred in sounding the Depth of the River between Greenbury's Point and Horn Point.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 89 was sent to Captain [Burgess] near Antietam, Frederick County.

Ordered That Captain Burgess be appointed to prove the Cannon to be supplied by Messrs Samuel and Daniel Hughes and that the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County deliver to said Captain Burgess Powder sufficient for that Purpose.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Joshua Beall thirty Pounds to be accounted for.

Copy of Letter N° 90 was sent to Col. Zadok Magruder of Frederick County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 86.

[Council to Hanson.]

To John Hanson Esqr Chairman of the Committee of Mid. Dist: of Fred^k^ County

Sir.

The Bearer will deliver you the Association Papers subscribed in your County, which we request you will return to us by some safe Conveyance as soon as you can conveniently, as the Convention may possibly want to see them.

We shall be obliged to you for particular account of the Expences incurred by the Minute-Companies in your County as well as their Wages, that we may transmit the Money to you to discharge them. If an opportunity should offer, we request you'll send us all the Bayonets belonging to the Provincial Musquets.

N. B. The Times of the Attendance of the Men must be proved by the Oath of some one at least of the Commissioned Officers, agreeable to the Resolves of the last Convention & we return the inclosed for that Purpose.

25th March 1776

No. 87.

[Council to Daniel and Samuel Hughes.]

To Messrs Danl and Samuel Hughes.

Gent^n^

We received a Letter yesterday from Mr Lux advising us of your having cast and bored 1 18 Pounder and that you expected to have 4 others finished by this Time. Our Board have appointed Captain Burgess to prove them, and desire you will forward them to Baltimore, as fast as you can get them ready to send off, as they are greatly wanting there.

26th March 1776

[Council to J. Beall.] C. S. C. No. 88.

To Col° Joshua Beall

Sir.

We send you inclosed Commissions to fill up Captain Waring's Company and shall do the same by Capt Richardson's, when you transmit us the Name of a proper Person for Ensign. We send you also an Order on the Treasury for £50-0-0 for which you will hereafter render us Acc^ts^ It will serve to pay for Wood, Candles, Expresses, Guards &c.

We apprehend you have not much more than one Ton of Powder remaining at Bladensburgh, Part of which will be ordered soon to Piscataway, some Part left where it is, and the Remainder will be ordered up to our Magazine in the Neighbourhood of Annapolis now getting ready. In the mean Time we desire you would keep a Guard of six Men, to relieve each other, two only we think sufficient to be on Duty —their Pay and Rations the same as when in actual Service; upon which Plan you are to make out the Acc^ts^ for the Attendance of the Guard heretofore.

26th March 1776

[Council to Burgess.] No. 89.

To Captain Burgess.

Sir. The Council of Safety have appointed you to prove the Cannon to be supplied this Province by Messrs Danl & Saml Hughs and request you will immediately repair for that Purpose to their Works at Antietam. We enclose you an Order on the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County for what Powder will be wanting and will defray any Expence you may necessarily incur in that Service as well as satisfy you for your Trouble.

26th March 1776

[Council to Magruder.] No. 90.

To Col° Zadock Magruder.

Sir.

The Privates of the company of Militia lately commanded by Capt Richard Brooke have petitioned our Board to commission Nathaniel Pigman as their Captain, Benjamin Gaither first Lieutenant and Samuel Riggs second Lieutenant,—but as we have invariably promoted those who were first elected by the People in the Order they stood under that Choice, we cannot prefer either Mr Benjamin Gaither or Mr Riggs to W^m^

C. S. C. Gaither who was Ensign to the Company unless there should appear substantial Objections against his being advanced to the first Lieutenancy. We desire therefore you will inform us whether you apprehend William Gaither would be an improper Person to fill that Station and whether the others would answer for second Lieutenant and Ensign, or if you think there are Gentlemen in that Company more deserving Preferment we should be glad you would mention them to us.

27th March 1776

Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Phila 26 March 1776.

Gent The inclosed contains a state of the powder and arms we have sent from hence. Willing and Morris still assure us they daily expect an arrival of powder to enable them to furnish us with the Quantity they contracted for they were but partly interested in the Salt petre which arrived & had not the management of it nor was it in their power to procure any of it to be manufactured for us the Congress having immediately on the arrival of the Salt petre taken up all the Powder Mills If you think it necessary we have no Doubt but that we can borrow a Ton of powder more as it begins now to come in from the mills we should be inclined to borrow & forward it but that we think the additional Expense and Risk cannot be justified but by necessity. We should have got a Return of the Musquets furnished the Hornet & Wasp with the powder but the Congress have it not in their power. Mr Rittenhouse has been pressed to get the plates done he has been lately chosen into the Assembly which has been sitting a good while past he promises to let us have plates to begin, enough for one Sheet, next week, the paper was to be finished about this Time. Inclosed you have the pay in the Marine Service and for the 3 independt Companies you'll be pleased to attend to the memd. at Bottom. There is no getting Camp Kettles or Canteens on any Terms or at least such Terms as you could submit to—instead of Canteens the Congress has been obliged to substitute little Keggs there's no Arrival here of any Tin. The price of Duck & indeed every kind of Linen exceeds here what it does with you any Thing of the kind cannot be got at scarce any price nor could it when T. J. got to phila wherefore no attempt was made to get Knapsacks & Haversacks buying proper materials might arrive in pot° or from Vanbebber Time enough we hope what was sent down of Vanbebber's Cargoe will answer for there purposes & for tents. The duck is too heavy for

any use about our Troops we have sold the Holland Duck at 8. 10. & the Russia at 7. 10 a p^{s} the sale was to the Congress for the use of the Frigates and to the Virginians for their armed vessels. Immediately on T. J^{s} coming to phil^{a} he & R. A. mentioned the Defence to the Marine Committee either to sell or have insured they seemed not very fond of taking her off our hands before the matter was totally given up Capt Squires Expedition was defeated T. J. confirms our Opinion that if any Depredations should take place after we had parted from the vessell it would be imputed to the sale of her and there's no Idea of the Congress taking her off our Hands but on subjecting her to the uncontrolled orders of the Congress we have therefore thought it best to let this Matter rest till the Convention. R. A. has rece^{d} of the Congress 8250£ to exchange for Gold, of which on S. C^{s} order he let him have 105. The rest Mr Buchanan carries down the Change for the money T. J. bro^{t} up & for Maj^{r} Jenifers ½ Joes is put up seperately. Would it not be well that some pson in Balt. Town should be specially appointed to take Charge & keep account of all things sent there for the public use. We congratulate you on the Evacuation of Boston we have not yet rece^{d} any account of the Course the Forces went some think they are destined for N. York others for the Southward but most for Hallifax.

We are Gen^{t}

With the greatest Respect Your most obed^{t} Servt^{s}

R. Alexander. Th. Johnson.

The inclosed letter for Mr Calvert, We believe is from Mrs Custis.

[Plater to Council.] C. S. C.

Gentlemen. I have the honor of yours of 19th Inst. communicating your appointment of me with Brigadier John Dent, to cooperate with the Commissioners of Virginia in erecting Beacons on the shores of Potomac River. It will give me the highest pleasure to be in any manner serviceable to my country, & I only lament that my abilities are not equal to my inclination. But upon this (and I hope on every) occasion, be assured they shall be exerted, & that I am, Gentlemen

Sotterley Hall Y^{r} most obd^{t} Hble Servt

March 26th 1776. Geo. Plater.

Wednesday 27 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

C. S. J. Mr James Dick twenty Pounds seventeen Shillings and six Pence for 3½ Barrels of Powder purchased of Mr John Buchanan.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Craig thirty two Shillings and three Pence for repairing a Musquet.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr David Henniss fifty Shillings for the Carriage of 19 Musquets from Frederick Town to Annapolis.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to James Thomas (a person in Distress, occasioned by the Seizure of his Vessel at Cape Fear in North Carolina) thirty Shillings.

Copy of Letter [N° 91] was sent to Mr John Youst.

Mr Tilghman transmits to the Council a Resolve of Congress, dated March 14, 1776, relative to the disarming non-Associates and persons disaffected to the Cause of America.

Thereupon it is Ordered, That Copies thereof be sent to the several Committees of Observation in each County and District in this Province respectively.

Resolved That the Revd David Love be appointed Chaplain to the Battalion of regular Troops raised for the Defence of this Province and the Liberties thereof.

Ordered That all the small Arms now at Baltimore Town belonging to the Public and not delivered out to the Troops stationed there, be immediately sent by water under a Guard to Chester Town for the use of the independent Companies on the Eastern Side of the Bay; and that the Musquets imported in Capt. Tibbit and now at Baltimore Town, or on the way thither, be included in this Order.

Also Ordered That four hundred and thirty four Cartouch Boxes, Belts, Bayonet-Belts and Slings, one Ton of Gunpowder and four Ton of Lead be sent to Chester Town for the use of the Militia and independent Companies on the Eastern Side of the Bay; and that the Powder be taken out of the Public Stock now at Baltimore Town and the Lead out of the Quantity imported in Capt Tibbit, and now arrived at Baltimore Town, or on the way thither. That Major Gist be requested to assist Captain Stone in having the above Order fully executed, and that Capt. Nicholson's Pilot Boat Tender convoy the Vessel [transporting] the same to the mouth of Chester River with Instructions to land the same at Rock Hall, Worton, or some convenient Place higher up the Bay, in Case of Danger.

Copy of Letter N° 92 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Youst.] C. S. C. No. 91.

To Mr. John Youst.

Sir. The Council of Safety desire you will be as expeditious as you possibly can in supplying the Muskets &c you engaged to make for the Province, and inform us whether you have any now compleated as we are in very great Want of them and will send for them as soon as you have a Number ready.

27th March 1776.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 92.

To the Committee of Observation for Balt° County

Gent^n^ We are not as yet fully determined as to the Schooner of M Lux's fitted out for a Tender; we would wish her to be in such a Situation, as to act in Case of Danger upon short Notice; but we would not have Men inlisted or Provisions purchased for her, 'till further Orders from this Board or the Convention. We are informed from divers Persons of Credit, and amongst others from Captn Nicholson himself, that she is a dull Sailer—if so and we can get a better, we must remove the Guns &^c^ on Board the Tender hereafter to be purchased, and make the best of the Schooner. We would not have her go any Distance, if she is likely to be instrumental in losing us a Number of brave Men and all her Stores. We have sent an Express with Order to Capt Burgess to try Hughs's 18 Pounders, and request you will order Bullets to be cast as soon as you know the proper size.

26th March 1776

[Boucher to Council.]

The Honble Council of Safety. Baltimore 27th March 1776.

Honble Gentlemen. Since receiving the inclosed, have been in Company with Col° Geo. Mason of Virginia and Mr Dalton at their request do now solicit your permission to quit the service of this province, & enter into that of Virginia which will be much more beneficial to me. Your complyance will much oblige,

Honble Gentlemen,

Your most Obed^t^ Humble Servant,

John Thos Boucher.

Thursday 28 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Mr John Thomas Boucher of the Ship Defence having signi-

C. S. J. fied by Letter to the Council, his Desire of resigning his Commission, the same was accepted, and a Copy of Letter N° 93 was thereupon sent to him.

Ordered That Dr Charles F. Wiesenthal be requested to purchase for the use of the regular Service of this Province 30 lb Jesuits Bark, 2 lb. Cantharides, 1 lb. Spunge, and 4 oz. Opium.

Ordered That Doct^r^ Charles F. Wiesenthal be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, four Pounds two Shillings and six Pence for a medicine Chest.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John Omensetter one hundred and ninety five Pounds for 325 Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts & Gun Straps.

Copy of Letter N° 94 was sent to Mr Carroll.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith Eight Pounds thirteen Shillings and ten pence to defray his Expences to Antietam [to prove] the Cannon made by Messrs Daniel and Samuel Hughes; and £643.. 2.. — the Ballance of the general Account to the 3^d^ of April next.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Gilbert Middleton four pounds Currency, in Part, for Providing for Col. Hall's Battalion of Militia.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux One thousand Pounds on Account of the Fortifications erecting at Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux six hundred pounds on Account of the Ship Defence.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 93.

[Council to Boucher.]

To Lieut^t^ John Thomas Boucher.

Sir.

We cannot oppose the Preferment of a Gentleman who has manifested a laudable Zeal for his Country and therefore accept of your Resignation. This we do with the less Reluctance as your Station may still afford you an Opportunity of giving Assistance to our Province. We thank you for the Services you have rendered us and wish you Success in the Command of the Potowmack Fleet.

27th March 1776

[Council to Barrister Carroll.]

C. S. C. No. 94.

To Charles Carroll Esqr (Barrister).

Dr Sir. We send you inclosed a Letter to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, if you approve, seal it and send it to them. Since Writing we have seen Mr Lux and have had some Conversation with him about the Committee's detaining the two Vessels belonging to Hugh Young, one intended to bring us Arms and Ammunition, the other Salt. Young tells us that the first has been unloaded & is kept with Intention to sink as a Hulk, and that the other is employed in bringing in Ship Timber for the Frigate now building; no Consent of his, and contrary to the express Order of the Council of Safety of the 20th Instant.

We wish to have this affair cleared up to our Satisfaction. Mr Lux knows Nothing of the Matter. We request you would converse with some of the Committee and let us know how every Thing has been conducted. T. Smyth is going to the Eastern Shore on Friday or Saturday; the Meeting of the adjourned Provincial Court next week, and a day appointed for hearing the Elk Ridge Petition prevents our coming to Baltimore; we wish to have both yourself and Colo. Rumsey—without you there will be no Meeting of the Council of Safety on Monday. Pray send an Express to Rumsey to let him know our Situation. J. Tilghman goes off to the Eastern Shore on Munday or Tuesday.

27th March 1776

[Paine to Council.]

To the hon^{ble} Convention or Council of Safety of the Colony of Maryland.

Gentlemen. The Congress taking into consideration the urgent importance to the Safety freedom & wealth of the United Colonies, that the manufacture of Salt petre & gun powder should be established in all of them, in addition to their former resolves on that subject, have passed those herewith transmitted & appointed the Committee therein mentioned, in persuance of this trust the committee inclose you the resolves, & being deeply impressed with their importance to our common cause, think themselves in duty bound to urge upon you the immediate & vigorous execution of them the erecting public works as mentioned in the resolves, will be the first step to promote this useful business, if prosecuted with skill & diligence it will ensure the making Salt petre in large quantities & will also afford the best method for suitable per-

c. s. c. sons to learn the process & from thence be sent abroad to teach those who have not opportunity of learning from these public works; for it is thought an object of the greatest concern that private families should be induced to make it; the inconsiderable expense attending the making it in families, when the method is once understood, & the quantities that each family may make, should remove all objections to their putting it in immediate practise. When we consider the great consumption of Salt petre, used in medicine, in preserving meat, & in gunpowder, even in times of peace, it should seem a sufficient inducement to private families to learn & practice this art, but most of all when so large quantities are wanted for our necessary defence, & when it will in a great measure supply the want of Salt which the rage of our enemies may render scarce, it should not reasonably be supposed, that any true American will neglect it, as there can be no doubt but that every colony may produce Saltpetre enough at least for their own consumption, it is necessary that powder mills be erected & skillful persons provided to manufacture gunpowder & proper regulations established for preventing their explosion. it is supposed that sulphur may be found in many colonies, & it is necessary that it should be collected, trials may be made at places supposed to contain it at no great expence: it must afford great pleasure to find that some colonies have already in a measure anticipated the design of these resolves, from the good effects of which it is clearly evinced, that we can never want the most abundant supply of ammunition from our own manufacture, but through inattention and neglect: We doubt not you will consider these proceedings as designed to promote the best welfare of the colonies, & that you will as soon as may be & from time to time inform the congress of the state of these manufactures in your colony, of the quantity of Salt petre already made, the preparation for & prospects of encreasing it, what quantity of gunpowder is already made, & the state of your powder mills, & also what discovery is made of sulphur mines & the progress in working them: supposing the most approved method of making Salt petre may not have reached you, we have inclosed such as experience in some colonies has recommended: the laying together suitable composts either in fences or beds in order to collect nitrous matter, seems necessary to be immediately attended to, as the earth from under old buildings may soon be exhausted: it is hoped this effort of the congress will have the desired effect, without which we have reason to fear, it will ere long be said of us, that we are become slaves because we were not industrious enough to be free by order of the Committee I subscribe Your humble Servant

Phil[a] March 28th 1776. Rob[t] Treat Paine:

P. S. I take the liberty herewith to send an extract from C. S. C.
Dr Brownriggs treatise of making salt, the climate is so suitable, & there are so many places on our sea coasts where neither man of War nor cutters can come, where salt may be made in plenty, that it is hoped some persons of sufficient judgment & application will immediately undertake it. the extract was made for the benefit of those who are unacquainted with the original, to which recourse may be had by those who are disposed to manufacture white salt any account of your success in these undertakings must give great pleasure to all lovers of America.

R. T. P.

Friday 29 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 95 was sent to Messrs John Hanson, Charles Beatty and James Johnson, Frederick County; and Copy of N° 96 to Col. Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr thirty five Pounds sixteen Shillings for 49 Days Attendance as a member of this Council, and for thirty Shillings by him paid for the Carriage of powder &c. as per account.

Mr Smyth has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Hanson and others.] C. S. C. No. 95.

To John Hanson, Ch^s^ Beatty & Jas. Johnson

Gent^n^ Our regular Troops are not yet provided with Arms but ought to be in a very short Time, if we could have a Supply of Gun Locks from you. We desire therefore to be informed in what Forwardness you have got your Manufactory and when you expect to furnish us with some.

29th March 1776

[Council to Beall.] No. 96.

To Col° Joshua Beall

Sir. The Council of Safety desire you will immediately examine into the Quality of the Powder now under your charge and give them a particular Account of the Quantities of Cannon and Fine.

29th March 1776

Original. [Henry to Council.]

Head Quarters Northampton County Virginia 29th March 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have a monthly return of the Minute Company under my command.

Gentlemen, I am very respectfully
Your most obedt Servt William Henry.

A monthly return of Captain Wm Henrys minute Company from Kent County.

Com. officers	Non Commissioned officers	Rank and File	Total
1 Captain 2 Lieutenants 1 Ensign	1 Surgeon Serjeant Major 1 Adjutant Q. M. Serjeant 4 Serjeants 4 Corporals Fife Major Drum Major 1 Fifer 1 Drummer	70 Fit for duty Sick On Command On Furlow Camp C. Men Confined dead deserted Discharged recruited On duty Artificers	86 Total

Given under my hand at Head Quarters Northampton Coty Vergenia.
29 Feby 1776. William Henry.

A List of the minute Company from Kent County under the Command of William Henry who marched from said County 29th January 1776 and now stationed in Northampton County Vergenia.

William Henry Capt
John Hyland, G. W. Forester } Lieuts
William Clarke Ensign
William Tillotson Surgeon
Robert Campbell Adjutant

Enos Reves, Wm Sprot, Geo Vansant, Chas Irons } Serjts

Jno. Day, Robt Gay, Jas Henry, Garret Vansant } corporals

Joseph Purden, Drummer
Wm Fifer

John Bond	1	William Haley	25	Sampson Redgrave	50
Stephen Boddy	2	John Hurt	26	Thos Read	51
Benjamin Brockson	3	James Hurt	27	John Richardson	52
Henry Bostick	4	Peter Justice	28	Jacob Richardson	53
Lambert Boyer	5	William Johnson	29	Thos Sewell	54
John Burnsides	6	Nathl Knock	30	Thomas Sapington	55
Henry Clarke	7	David Keain	31	John Stephenson	56
Edward Clayton	8	Francis Lemon	32	Benjamin Stoops	57
James Campher	9	Geo. Littles Senr	33	John Stoops	58
John Cole	10	Geo. Littles Junr	34	Marlow Taylor	59
John Cry	11	John Miller	35	Wm Peregr Thrift	60
Isaac Cornelius	12	John McGowan	36	John Vansant	61
William Davis	13	William Miers	37	Christ. Vansant	62
Samuel Davis	14	Enoch Massy	38	Benjamin Vansant	63
Samuel Eades	15	Nathl McClelland	39	Jas Wilson Senr	64
Isaac Freeman	16	John Massy	40	John Wilson	65
Daniel Fergusson	17	Saml Money	41	James Willson Junr	66
Abraham Freeman	18	Joseph Newsom	42	William Wilson	67
Salethiel Freeland	19	John Nowland	43	John Wilmer	68

Lambert Flowers	20	Richd Nab	44	James Woodland	69
Benjamin Garland	21	Wm Petegrew	45	Robert Young	70
James Greedy	22	Chas Phillipshill	46	Given under my hand at	
Oliver Gallop	23	Andw Park	47	Head Quarters,	
William Gray	24	Benedict Penington	48	29th Feby 1776.	
		Matthew Richardson	49	William Henry	

[Gaither to Council.] C. S. C.

Elk Ridge 29 March 1776.

Gent^l^ Whereas Mr John Marriott, who was first Lieu^t^ to Capt Elisha Riggs, is deceased I'm therefore desired by Capt Riggs, and his Company to recommend to you, Mr Joseph Walker Junr their first Lieu^t^ Mr Aquilla Randall Junr their second, and Mr Nathaniel Owings their Ensign. I also beg leave Gent^n^ to inform you that I look on the above gentlemen to be very proper persons. I am Gent^l^ Y^r^ mo. ob^t^ Hb Servt

Edwd Gaither Junr

Capt Riggs, wishes that the vacancy, might be filled up with all convenient speed. E. G.

Saturday 30 March 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Hall.

Commissions issued to Joseph Walker appointed first Lieutenant of Captain Elisha Riggs' Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County in the Room of John Marriott, deceased, & to Aquila Randal 2^d^ L^t^ and Nathaniel Owings Ensign of said Company.

Copy of Letter N° 97 was sent to Captains James Kent and William Henry, Northampton County, Virginia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore be requested immediately to send by Express the Letter directed to Captains Kent and Henry together with three hundred Pounds Currency to defray the Expences of their march to their respective Counties.

Ordered That a Copy of the above Order together with the Letter abovementioned be immediately sent to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Kent and Henry.] C. S. C. No. 97.

To Capt^ns^ Kent and Henry.

Gentlemen. We send this by Express with £300 to defray the Expences of your March to your respective Counties as

C. S. C. well as others you may necessarily have incurred in the Service, and hope it will be found adequate to the Purposes for which it is designed, if however it should not, you shall be immediately re-imbursed any Money you may be obliged to expend. We sent to Philadelphia upon the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th February for the continental Regulations relative to Wages and victualling, and desired our Deputies if an Opportunity should offer, to convey them directly to you, which we apprehend has been done, as they have not been transmitted to us, but least they should not have sent them, we will endeavour to inform ourselves of the Pay and lodge an Account of it for you with the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore. We are much obliged to the People of Accomack and Northampton Counties for the Civilities you have experienced from them, and the Pains taken by their Committees to render your Time as easy and agreeable as Circumstances would admit of, and we request you will make our grateful Acknowledgments to them for their Favors. We wish you a happy return.

30th March 1776

No. 98. [Council to Charles County Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Charles County.

Gentn When we requested your Committee to furnish Calvert with one Barrel of Powder, we had not any Fund so convenient, or yet so well supplied as that in Charles. Your intention of complying with the Order at a time when you apprehended it could not be well spared is in Confirmation of all your other Actions, hitherto manifested in promoting the general Welfare. We have wrote to Colo Joshua Beall to inform us how much Musquet Powder is at Bladensburg; so soon as we are informed thereof a due Proportion shall be sent to Charles County. One Ton of Bullets from Frederick we expect is by this Time with you, Part of which you will spare to St. Mary's and Calvert, should those Counties be in Want. Port Tobacco is the place appointed for Part of Capt. Beall's Company to be stationed at, and we request that you will assist him in providing proper Houses and Firewood for his Men, as well as supplying them with Provisions and other Necessaries 'till they are furnished by the Contractor, which we imagine will be in a few Days.

30th March 1776

[N. Smith to Council.]

Gentlemen. When I had the honour of seeing you last in Annapolis you desired I would commit to writing what would

be necessary to have done about the fort (that the Committee refused to do) a Magazine Hospital and Laboratory, which in my opinion no fort or garrison ought to be without, those would not cost more than £300. The hospital sufficient to hold 50 sick or wounded men the magazine to hold ammunition for a months siege the Labaratory sufficient for 10 or 12 men to work in making cartridges &c I was mentioning a saine for catching fish but if it cant be allowed, without deducting any part of the soldiers rations would not desire it, as their allowance is full small for a hearty man to subsist on. I understand there has been application to you for Capt of the fort or fort Majors. I dont know there would be any necessity for such an officer, at this time, but hope gentlemen you will not put another over me, unless you think him more fit to fill the station, & in that case shall submit with pleasure. C. S. C.

I am gentlemen your mo oblidged Hble Servt
Nathl Smith.

Balt^{o} 30th March 1776.

[R. Beall to Council.]

Portobacco 30th March 1776.

Gentlemen. The bearer James Warren is a soldier in my company who has lately lost his father and wants to be dismissed from the service as his mother has nobody to take care of the family, as I would not act without your consent, shall be glad if you will let me know as I can get a good man in his stead.

I am Gentlemen Your mo. ob^{t} Servt
Rezin Beall.

Monday 1st April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Smyth.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Michael Gratz Eighty nine Pounds fourteen Shillings for Blankets.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer pay to John King four pounds ten Shillings for going Express to Antietam Forge.

Copy of Letter N° 99 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, Copy of N° 100 to Messrs Baker Johnson & Charles Beatty, and Copy of N° 101 to the Committee of Talbot County.

Adjourned till next Day 10, O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 99.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Balt° County.

Gent^n^ The enclosed is a Copy of a Letter we have just received from Mr Hughes, and as mounting the 18 Pounders immediately will be a capital Thing for your Town and eventually the Province in general, we request you will exert your utmost Diligence in getting the Carriages ready for them.

31st March 1776

No. 100.

[Council to Beatty and Johnson.]

To Messrs Charles Beatty & Baker Johnson

Gent^n^

Sixty Pounds Currency was sent by Mr Ford the 23rd January by order of our Board to Mr Thomas Johnson at Frederick Town, and in his Absence to you to be expended in the Purchase of Gun Locks for the use of the Province; but as we have not heard any Thing from him or you upon the Subject, and are in very great Want of that Article, we desire you will inform us how many were bought and where they are, or if there have not been any purchased, whether there is a Probability of applying the Money to that Use in your County.

April 1st 1776

No. 101.

[Council to Talbot Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

Gent^n^

In Consequence of an Information we received, that there were one or two Barrels of Bullets and a Quantity of Gun Flints belonging to this Province in the Possession of Mr Leeds; we wrote to you the 14th February requesting that you would make Enquiry into that Matter & if you found it true, that you would take them under your Care, and send them to the Council of Safety by the first safe Conveyance; but as we have not received any Answer to our Letter, we presume it must have miscarried, and therefore we send you this, and beg that you will immediately examine into the Truth of the above Information.

Ap^l^ 1, 1776

[H. Young to Council.]

Baltimore 1st Ap^l^ 1776.

Sirs. I have this day been called upon by our Committee to answer a complaint that I should have made against them,

to you for tak^{g} the schooner Peggy, & sending her for plank for the privateer. I'm sorry you should so far misunderstand me as to put such a construction on my words, as I did not mean any such thing. I dare say Messrs Smith & Hall on reflection will recollect all that passed relative to that vessel viz. That I immagined you would not look upon our contract immediately binding, as she had been taken to carry plank on account of the public, their answer was, By no means. I have however got her again & shall begin to load agreeable to our contract in a few days. I am Gen^{t} y^{r} ob^{t} Hble Servt

Hugh Young. C. S. C.

If you are writing to the committee, I shall be much pleased by your clearing up this matter as they seem much vexed about it.

Tuesday 2^{d} April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Carroll and Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Robert Cummins fifteen hundred Pounds.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Campbell three Pounds for nails.

Copy of Letter N° 102 was sent to the Committee of Observation for St. Mary's County, and Copy of N° 103 to Capt John Allen Thomas.

Commission issued to Matthew Talbott appointed Ensign of Capt Stewart's Company of Militia in Harford County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to St. Mary's Committee.] C. S. C. No. 102.

To the Committee of Observation for Saint Mary's County.

April 2nd 1776.

Gent^{n} We have heretofore wrote you with Regard to the Station of Capt John Allen Thomas's Company, not receiving any answer we expected the Station allotted him at Leonard-Town would have been agreeable to you and to him; and indeed to every Body else, as being the most centrical Place, and from whence the Company might march on short Notice to any Part of the County. He informed us by his Letter of the 18th of March, "that he is positive that 'tis the Opinion of every Gentleman in the County that the Troops should be stationed at or near the Mouth of Patuxent and Potowmack": which we are surprized at. This would not only divide the

C. S. C. Company but leave a very great Extent of Country along the Water in a manner defenceless. What is to become of Wicomico, Clements and Britons-Bay and all down to the Mouth of St. Mary's River in Case the Men of War should pass unnoticed in the Night or in foggy hazy weather? When the Company gets well disciplined, perhaps some of them may be stationed to Advantage at or near the Mouth of Patuxent; we think best to keep them together at present 'till further advanced in military Knowledge, and that Leonard Town is the proper Station. Should you think otherwise, we should be glad to know your Reasons, that we may concur with you; we wish to harmonize in every Thing that is for the good of the County.

2d Apl 1776

No. 103. [Council to Thomas.]

To Captn John Allen Thomas.

Sir.

Yours of the 18th ultmo we only received the 30th We cannot conceive that any Letter that we wrote to you can justify the Inference that you have drawn, that if your Station is to be at Leonard-Town that your Company is to defend that Place only. It was preferred because it was more centrical than any other in the County; that you might be within a Day's March of any Part of it. But if the Committee of Observation should be of Opinion that any other Station is more convenient, we shall readily confirm and order you to it; or if they should be of Opinion, that your Company should be divided and stationed at the Mouth of Patuxent and Point look-out, we shall concur with them, when we know their Reasons for it, if we approve of them. But we presume that let your Station be where it may, that you will nevertheless march to any other Part of the County wherever it's Defence requires it. And why you should want positive Orders to do your Duty we cannot conceive; if you take Care to walk within the Line of it, you need not be under any great Difficulty to excuse yourself to the People of St. Mary's or the Public in general or to justify yourself to the whole World. Our Care has and shall be as diffusive and extensive all over the Province as it's Funds, and our Abilities will allow; and therefore we are not under the least Apprehension, but that our Endeavours will meet with the Approbation of our Constituents.

We sent you by Lieut Steward £150, if that Sum is short of what ought to have been sent, you have only to make up your Accounts to the 3rd of this Month and every Shilling that will be due to that Day shall be paid. We are determined to have

Vouchers for whatever Sums of Money we may pay out of the Public-Stock, and therefore you will excuse us for not advancing large Sums in gross. C. S. C.

We are surprized that the Contractor has not employed some Persons before this to furnish your Company with it's Rations; surely he will soon do it: in the mean Time, you must do as well as you can towards supplying them. We expect to receive Hats and Breeches every day. We ordered 2½ Barrels of Powder to you from Charles County, which we suppose you have received. Lieutenant Steward had 50 Muskets and Bayonets delivered to him with 100 Cartouch Boxes &c. and as soon as we get more Arms, you shall have your Proportion.

2 Ap^{l} 1776

[Charles County Committee to Council.] Original.

In Committee April 2^{d} 1776. Charles County.

Gentlemen. It appearing to this committee that your Requisition for purchasing Blankets and Ruggs in this county cannot be readily complied with without ready money, as also the subsistance of the soldiery in this county, We have therefore thought expedient for the aforesaid purposes, to draw on you for the sum of three hundred pounds, which sum, please send by Lieutenant Jenifer Adams, to be delivered to our Treasurer, who will render a proper account of such disbursements as may be actually necessary, and the Balance if any remaining in our hands, return to you, or dispose of in any manner that you in future may direct.

We are Gent^{n} Your very Hbl. Servt
sign^{d} per order. Geo Dent chairman.

[Lux to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 2 April 1776.

Gentlemen. The Bearer Jno Henderson came from Point Comfort in an Oyster Boat & another vessel with corn and having no Permit from any Committee in Virginia we have detained his Boat agreeable to your order, until he produces one, He thinks it necessary to make application to your Honorable Board for a Release, and has desired a line from our committee to inform you of his situation.

p order of the Comittee
I am Gent^{n} Your most obed^{t} Servt Willm Lux Dep^{y} ch^{n}

Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Phil[a] 2[d] April 1776.

Gen[t] M[r] Arch. Buchanan could not take the money as he expected & promised. M[r] Ringgold collected & brought up here 160. 17.. 6 it has been delivered into the Treasury besides the change for that Sum we have delivered 4000 Dollars to M[r] Ringgold, Who sets out in a few Days he will take with him the rest of the Money. we hope the plates & that the paper may be sent off about the same Time. We have nothing that can be depended on as to the extent of the powers the Commt[s] are to be invested with whilst we are in Suspence on this head we think no Step of Consequence could be prudently taken and therefore do not expect our Convention will continue long or go fully into Business we could wish if agreeable to them that there might be an adjournment, till about the 20th of May with a Continuance of the present existing powers if they think proper. We shall be obliged to you if you will cause Affidavits to be made and transmitted to us of the Time of the Capture & Recapture of Hudson's Ship that we may get the Salvage, the Quantum of which depends on the Time she was in possession of the Tender, ascertained and paid we were desired to let the Claim which we made of Salvage rest till the Event of another Effort was known we hope the ship is now out of the Bay. We are Gen[t]

Your most Obed[t] Serv[ts]

Th[s] Johnson Jun[r]
R. Alexander
W[m] Paca
T. Stone

Original. [Dalton to Jenifer.]

Alexandria April 2[d] 1776.

Sir. Inclosed is a letter for a Gentlemen over the bay, and I have often experienced letters that I have sent by post to that part of the country have miscarried enduces me take the Liberty, to inclose it to you, requesting the favour of you to forward it, by some safe conveyance the freedom of which I hope you will excuse.

We find it difficult the fitting out the cruising vessels here, the scarcity of sail Duck & proper sized cannon plague us much in getting—indeed am apprehensive we shall not be able to procure light Duck for the small sails and must endeavour to make up the deficiency from old sails rather than none.

The two Row Gallies goes on very well and will soon be built, though am apprehensive of being at a loss for heavy cannon, our choice would be one 18 pounder the other 24

Coll° Mason and myself in particular and the community at large, thought ourselves highly obliged by the kind indulgence of your Committee of Safety, in lending us Ten barrels powder, it happened just as we had got it down, one ton came from Phild[a] for us, that we immediately returned it in the same order.

I am with regard Sir your mo Hble Serv[t]
John Dalton.

Wednesday 3[d] Ap 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap[t] Sam[l] Smith two hundred and twenty three Pounds nineteen Shillings and seven Pence Currency being the Ballance of his General Account to the third of April.

Copy of Letter N° 104 was sent to Cap[t] Rezin Beall, and Copy of N° 105 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to R. Beall.] C. S. C. No. 104.

To Capt[n] Rezin Beall

Sir. You have our Consent to discharge M[r] James Warren. We think he is entitled to Pay.

3[d] April 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 105.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Gent[n]

You have done perfectly right in detaining M[r] Henderson. If he is friendly to America he could have easily got a Permit from the Committee of the County wherein he resides. As he has not done it, we think he ought to be the Expence of obtaining a Certificate of his Character, before his Boats are released.

April 3rd 1776.

[J. Beall to Council.] Original.

Gent[n] April 3[d] 1776.

I received yours of 26 ult. the first instant; the ten Barrells of powder I delivered by your order to Virginia are returned, so that there are thirty Barrells including one broken one, and

twenty Keggs of powder at this place. pleas to make out a commission for Mr Elias Lazenbey, as insign to Captn Richardsons Company.

I am Gentn Your very Humble Servt
Jos: Beall.

C. S. J. Thursday 4th April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Isaac Harris 5 lb. powder to prove Musquets.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Lancelot Jacques twenty five Pounds fifteen shillings for 6 half Faggots of Steel and 8c.. o.. 8lb Bar Iron.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Stricker (for the use of Mr George Bane) ten Pounds Currency for the Waggonage of lb 2500 Lead from Frederick Town to Port Tobacco.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt James Tootell fifty Pounds Currency on Account of the Western Shore pay to Captain George Stricker four hundred and six Pounds one Shilling and one penny being the Ballance of his general Account to the 3d of April.

Ordered That Mr Henry Yost and Mr John Unsild deliver to Capt George Stricker all the Musquets and Bullet Moulds which are now finished by them for the use of the Province.

On hearing the Petition of Henry Ridgely & others against the Choice of Officers made by the Company under the Command of Capt John Burgess,

Resolved [that] the same be rejected; and that Commissions be made out to those Persons of said Company, who were chosen by the People on the 9th Day of September last, as Captain, first and second Lieutenant, and Ensign. Commissions issued accordingly to John Burgess elected Captain, Davidge Warfield 1 Lieutenant Basil Burgess second Lieutenant, and William Simpson Ensign.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County against Robert Gassaway together with the Charge against said Robert Gassaway were laid before the Council and read in the following Words to wit.

"At a Meeting of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County on April 1st 1776."

"Mr Robert Gassaway, according to Order, being brought before the Committee in Custody of Capt Philip Smith, the Charge exhibited against him (a Copy whereof is herewith

sent) was read, and he was informed by the Chairman that the Committee would hear any thing he had to say in Negation or Mitigation of said Offence; the said Mr Robert Gassaway acknowledged the Allegations to be substantially true, and offered nothing in Mitigation of the Charge." C. S. J.

"The Committee then taking into Consideration the Charge exhibited and proved against Mr Robert Gassaway by his own Confession, and being of Opinion that his Offence is of a high and dangerous nature, and that his Behaviour tended as far as his Influence would extend, to disunite the Inhabitants of this Province in their present Opposition."

"Resolved That the said Robert Gassaway be immediately sent to the Council of Safety at Annapolis under a Guard of four men, and that Capt Philip Smith and three men to be procured by him, be a Guard for that Purpose."

"pr Order John Hanson jr Chairman"

The following is the Charge exhibited against him.—

"On the twenty sixth Day of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy six, at a meeting of Capt. Valentine Creagar and Philip Smith's Companies of Militia, the said Robert Gassaway when at Exercise as a private man in Capt Smith's Company, stepped out of his Rank, and publicly and loudly declared before the aforesaid two Companies, and in the Presence of several other Spectators, that it was better for the Poor People to lay down their Arms, and pay the Duties and Taxes laid upon them by the King and Parliament, than to be brought into Slavery and to be commanded and ordered about as they were, he was asked who he meant had brought the People into [slavery, he said it] was a Parcel of great men. That at first, they destroyed the Tea at Boston, and then knowing they had done wrong, did not know what they should do to save themselves, therefore ordered all America to be brought under Arms, and say now my brave Boys fight away (clapping his Hand to his neck) for Fear their necks should be stretched, That this is as only done to save themselves, when they had done wrong, and were in Fear of suffering for it. Mr Gassaway was told, that this was only his own Opinion and that he had better keep it to himself. He Gassaway said he was satisfied he was right, and further said, the best way was for the People to lay down their Arms, and petition the Congress to petition the King and Parliament, and if the Congress would not do it, then the People ought to petition the King and Parliament themselves, letting them know that they had laid down their Arms; that this was the best Method of having a Reconciliation.

And further said that he wished the Eyes of the Multitude

C. S. J. were opened. That Mr Gassaway had been told of this Misbehaviour sometime afterwards, and been advised to retract and make proper Concessions; That he then repeated his Opinion and declared that he was right."

Robert Gassaway being brought before the Council of Safety and having satisfied them that he had signed the Association and had duly enrolled himself in a Company of Militia in Frederick County; and at the same Time having acknowledged that he had greatly misconducted himself, and was sorry that it should be thought he would do anything to disunite the People of this Province, and having promised that he would be very careful of his words and Actions for the future.

It is therefore Resolved that he acknowledge that he was guilty of an Offence that might have been of dangerous Consequence, and ask Pardon at the Head of Capt Smith's Company. And upon Payment of all Expences attending the Guard and otherwise complying with the above Resolve that he be discharged from Custody.

Copy of Letter N° 106 was sent to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Confession of Gassaway.]

I confess that that I am sory to think that I should have said enni thing that should have given enny purson reson to think that it was my deiser to disunite the peopel and, And acknowledge my error in so doing, and do promis for tim to cum to behave myself carfully in the cause of amarear.

Robt Gassaway.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety of Maryland:

C. S. C. No. 106.

[Council to Frederick Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Fred^k County

Gent^n

We inclose you the Judgement of our Board against Robert Gassaway whom we were induced to treat with Moderation as he discovered a good deal of Sorrow and Contrition for his Offence which appeared to us to be in a great Measure the Effect of Passion.

4th Ap^l 1776

[Page to Council.] C. S. C.

Williamsburg Virginia 4th April 1776.

Gentlemen. We have this moment received the Inclosed packett, and forward it to you with all possible dispatch; Its importance will be known by the following extract, of the letter which inclosed it to us dated Newbern 30th March 1776. Gen^t^ I take the liberty to inclose to your care a pacquet from South Carolina, containing dispatches of the utmost importance to the Colonies, which I am directed by the commee of Safety of that province to send on to the commee of Safety of the district of Newbern, requiring that you gentlemen will immediately forward it by express to the Commee of Safety of Virginia, & to desire them to forward it by express to the Commee of Safety of Maryland and to request that Commee to forward it with the utmost expedition to Philadelphia. I have given you their request in their own words, which will no doubt induce you to comply with their request Signed Cornelius Stamett and addressed to the Commee of Safety of Newbern district. For and by order of the Commee of Safety. I am Gen^t^

Your most obed^t^ Servant, John Page. J. P.

Friday 5th April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Permit was granted to William Logan to pass with his Vessel and a Cargo of Goods to Hobbs's Hall in the Colony of Virginia, he having taken the customary Oath that he will not carry any Letters or communicate Intelligence directly or indirectly to any Person or persons inimical to America.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Charles County three hundred Pounds to enable them to procure Blankets and provide Subsistence for Captain Rezin Beall's independent Company.

Permit granted to Patrick Leybourne to go to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Tillard Quarter Master of the South River Battalion twenty one Pounds five Shillings and three Pence on Account of the said Battalion when on Duty.

Resolved That the Pay of the Naval Officers in the Service of this Province be as follows to wit.

C. S. J.

Dollars per month	Dol. pr mo.
Captain	Gunner's Mate
Lieutenants	Quarter Gunner
Master	Armourer
Mate	Carpenter
Second Mate	Cooper
Third Mate	Steward
Midshipman	Purser
Captain's Clerk	Cook
Quarter Master	Seamen ablebodied
Boatswain	Surgeon
First Mate	Surgeon's mate
Second Mate	Chaplain
Yeoman	Pilot, according to the usual Rates
Coxswain	when absolutely necessary:
Sailmaker	
Gunner	

The Commander to give such further Gratuity as may be necessary, for the Good of the Service.

Commissions issued to John Nicholson appointed first Lieutenant of the Ship Defence in the Room of John Thomas Boucher who resigned; Also to Aquila Johns appointed second Lieutenant and to John Bonnell Master of said Ship.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt James Hindman thirty Pounds eight Shillings and six Pence being the Ballance of his general Account to the 5th of April.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Hindman One hundred Pounds to purchase Blankets for his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 107 was sent to Captains James Kent and William Henry, Virginia; and Copy of N° 108 to William Hindman Esqr Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

Ordered That Major Gist send to the Council under a Guard of a commissioned Officer and six Privates, 10 Barrels of Musquet Gun-powder out of the Magazine at Baltimore Town; also all the spare Gunlocks and Blankets, 100 Cartouch Boxes & Belts, and four Pair of fencing Foils, and that he hire a waggon for that Purpose.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores furnish the Council with an Account of the Quantity of Musquet Gunpowder in the Magazine at Baltimore Town and whether there are any Arms arrived from the Head of the Bay and how many.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Kent and Henry.] C. S. C. No. 107.

To Capt^{s} Kent and Henry.

Gent^{n} Your Minute Companies are to be paid off agreeable to the inclosed List.

5th Ap^{l} 1776

[Council to Hindman.] No. 108.

To William Hindman Esqr

Sir. We request you will keep the inclosed Letter until Cap^{ts} Kent and Henry apply or send for it.

5th Ap^{l} 1776

[Purviance to Philips.] Original.

Sir, You'll please to purchase whatever Turpentine may be necessary for the use of the gun carriages now preparing; and in case any person who has it, refuses to sell it to you, you must take it, and the price thereof shall be allowed by the Committee for the use of the Public.

Ap^{l} 5th 1776. Saml Purviance Junr chairman

To Captn James Philips:

[Gunby to Council.] Original.

Somerset County April 5th 1776.

Gentlemen. Mr Benjamin Brook will wait on you for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds for the use of the Independent Company in Somerset County which sum please let him have as the Company is much in want of Cash at this time.

I am gentlemen Your most oblig^{d}
Humble Servt John Gunby.

Saturday, 6th April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town send down by the Waggon which comes with Powder &c. Part of the Shirting and other coarse Linen, and two hundred of the Hats lately arrived from Philadelphia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt John Fulford three hundred and thirty eight Pounds

C. S. J. three Shillings and four pence being the Ballance of his general Account to the third of April.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Oliver Whiddon eight Pounds fifteen Shillings for stocking 14 Musquets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen twelve pounds for the Hire of his Teams 6 Days.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Deards forty Shillings for straw for the use of the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr George Gordon four Pounds on Account of the Iron Work for the Gun Carriages.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Peter Adams ninety six Pounds eighteen Shillings being the Ballance of his general Account to the 3d Instant.

Copy of Letter N° 109 was sent to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o' clk.

C. S. C. No. 109.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentn We have your Favors of the 26th of March and the 2nd of this Month and are pleased with the Assurances Messrs Willing and Morris give us that we may shortly expect the Powder they agreed to supply us with, those gentlemen should recollect that our Money was advanced in Confidence, that their Contract would long ago have been fully complied with; we shall be much obliged if you will let us know the exact Number of the Chests of Arms that were sent us by them. As we are not in immediate Want, we would not have you borrow the Ton of Powder you mention, of the Congress, but as we fear we shall be in great Want of Duck for our Tents, could the Congress spare us any of the light Kind and fit for making Tents we would willingly take it in Exchange for Part of that belonging to us which you disposed of to them. Mr Duvall has appointed Mr Gerard Hopkins of Baltimore Town to act as his Deputy, who will take care of whatever is sent to that Place for the use of the Public. We shall communicate to the Gentlemen of the Convention, when they meet, your Sentiments on the Expediency of an Adjournment, and shall have the Affidavits made out you desire for ascertaining the Time Hudson's Ship was in Possession of the Tenders. she left Patapsco River ten or twelve Days ago and as we have heard Nothing of her since, hope she is out of the Bay by this Time.

Apl 5th 1776

P. S. Saturday Morn^{g} April 6th we are sorry to inform you that we have this Instant received Intelligence that Hudson's Ship was taken last Wednesday morning by two Tenders belonging to the Otter. We are apprehensive that we have likewise lost one of our Provincial Vessels. C. S. C.

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

At a meeting of the Committee of observation for Calvert County at the Court house in Prince Frederick Town on Saturday the 6th April 1776, were present eight members, Mr Benjamin Mackall in the Chair.

Resolved, that the Council of Safety be informed, that this Committee have received a barrell of gunpowder, said to contain ninety three pounds and three quarters of a pound, and a parcel of lead shot said to weigh 495½ pounds, from the Committee of Charles County. That they have collected from Individuals, powder lead and flints to the amount of thirteen pounds currency, which they distributed amongst the Militia of this County at the different alarms. Sign^{d} p^{r} order,

E. Johnson Clk.

[Charles Lee to Purviance.]

Williamsburg April 6th 1776.

Dr Sir. I know not to whom I can address this most important note with so much propriety and assurance of success as to yourself. the crisis will not admit of ceremony and procrastination. I shall therefore irregularly address you in the language and with the spirit of one bold determined free citizen to another, and conjure you as you value the liberties and rights of the community of which you are a member, not to lose a moment, and in name (if my name is of consequence enough) to direct the commanding officer of your troops at Annapolis immediately to seize the person of Governor Eden. the sin and blame be on my head. I will answer for all to the congress. the justice and necessity of the measure will be best explained by the paquet transmitted to you by the Committee of Safety from this place. God Almighty give us wisdom and vigor in this hour of tryal. adieu

Dr Sir, Yours most sincerely Charles Lee.

To Samuel Purviance Esqr chairman of the Committee.

C. S. J. Monday 8 April 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Hall.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Joseph Middleton thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings in Part Payment for his furnishing a Pilot Boat for the Purpose of gaining and communicating Intelligence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Beall to Council.]

Bladensburgh 8th April 1776.

Gentn Yours of the 29th ult. I received yesterday I have examined the powder according to your request & find there are 26 bbls. of corse powder including one that was broke on bord the vessel four Barrells & 20 keggs of fine powder, though there seems to be something of a mixture throughout the whole I am Gentn Yr most obedt Humble Sert

Jos Beall.

Original. [Hopkins to Council.]

Baltimore April 8th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have sent by Jno Ross agreeable to your orders 10 Barrels musquet Gunpowder 50 gun locks 2 small Swords 3 pr fencing Foils 100 cartouch Boxes & Belts 12 ps ozna^{s} 5 ps Brown Roles and 3 ps wide Hessing you wrote for four pair Fencing Foils but the rest are taken by Major Gist, the small swords are sent agreeable to the Gentlemens request who brought the orders. I received from Messrs Lux & Bowley 86 ps ozna^{s} 119 ps Hessing 80 ps Brown Roles and 12 large Roles lead weight supposed to be from 600 to 1000 lbs each but have not had time to weigh it yet. Messrs Lux & Bowley informed me he was to send the rest of the Stores which came in the vessel to you, you desired to know the quality of the powder now in the magazine, which is 70 Barrels musquet and 33 Barrels cannon. I have not received any arms from the Head of the Bay. I am Gent Yr mo. Humble Sevt

Gerrard Hopkins, son Rd

C. S. J. Tuesday 9th April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Hall & Mr Rumsey attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Reynolds thirty Shillings for the Hire of his Horse 6 Days.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Annis thirty five shillings for making a Coffin for, and burying a Serjeant of Captain Adam's Company. C. S. J.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Nathaniel Ramsey three hundred and ninety three Pounds four Shillings and one Penny.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings for 200 steel Ramrods.

Copy of Letter N° 110 was sent to Mr Wm Lux of Baltimore Town; Copy of N° 111 to the Committee of Safety of Virginia; and Copy of N° 112 to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Lux.] C. S. C. No. 110.

To Mr William Lux.

Sir. Be pleased to send us immediately in Capt Nicholson's small Tender all the spare Blankets c $\frac{2}{3}^{d}$ of the Linens imported in the Wicked Dick Capt. Tibbitt. Shew this to Capt Nicholson and he will in consequence of it Dispatch his Tender with them.

[Council to Virginia Committee.] No. 111.

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gent^n^ We have, agreeable to the Request in your's of the 4th Inst., forwarded the Packet received by Saml Solomon to the Honorable John Hancock by an Express

Apl. 9th 7 o'clock P. M. 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 112.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent^n^ We this Moment received the inclosed, which have forwarded by Express. You will be pleased to acknowledge the Time that it is delivered.

Ap^l^ 9th 1776

[Hopkins to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 9th April 1776.

Dr Sir. You desired I would inform you how the 43 Bbls Powder came to the possession of M^r^ M^c^Lure, and whether the Powder which came from Philadelphia was imported or

manufactured in Pennsylvania. I am sorry it is not in my power to render you a proper acc^{t} the Powder received from M^{r} McLure, is from the best information I can get 34 Bbls came from Philadelphia which was imported, the remainder of the 43 was brought here by the Committee & now for the Province the other 70 Barrels came from Philadelphia without any acco^{t} therewith, and cant get any information from the Committee here. the people who brought it could not give any acco^{t} only that it was put in their care from Bush Town. Capt Tibbit was here a few days ago and he informed me 18½ Bbls of the 70 was some he brought and he further said the other was imported. I have received some oznabrigs Roles and Hessing from Lux & Bowley and also 12 large Roles Lead. I informed the Council of the quality of the Powder, I also informed them of 119 p^{s} Hessing instead of 149 I note what you say in regard to the receipts and deliveries.

I am sir Y^{r} very Humble Servt
Gerrard Hopkins

Original.

[T. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town April the 9th 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt Veazey as well as some other of the Independent Captains on this shore are very uneasy that they are not yet furnished with any arms nor amunition, more especially as they understand the troops on the W. Shore are generally well armed & provided with Cloaths. I am surprised that the arms &c which the Council determined before I left them to order from Baltimore to this place for the use of the E. Shore are not yet arrived. I am fearfull some accident has happened to them.

I have been told that the militia on this shore begin to be dissatisfied that they have not some proportion of ammunition sent them. I hope there is some on its way before now, since my return home I have purchased of the Gunsmith in this Town 10 Riffles at £5. each which will be ready to be delivered in two or three days & ten more may be had in about two weeks more. I have also bought 80 p^{r} shoes for the troops at 7/9 p^{r} pair and if the Council would have me contract for the 200 p^{r} which was talked about I can do it at 10/ & not under, of this they will please to write me:

Capt Veazey has bought as much cloth in the County as will make 80 sutes & hopes to get as much more as will cloath his whole company. if the Council should not have procured Blankets enough for the troops some may be had in this County.

Mr Cummins has not yet sent an ounce of provision for the Company quarted at this place notwithstanding his promisses. I propose joining the council the last of next week and hope my attendance will not be wanting before, if it shoud they will please to write me, my long absence from home makes my stay in the County for some time very necessary but if the public Business calls I will obey and am Gen^t^ with the greatest Regard & respect,

Your most Hble Servt
Thos Smyth:

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Phil^a^ 9 April 1776.

Gen^t^ The Bearer Thomas Road's is hired on purpose to carry our Paper, 51 Ream, to Annapolis for which we have advanced part of the Price and are to pay the rest on his Return we chose to send the Paper by Land at once to avoid all Hazard and prevent every Disappointment. The plates are not yet done. Mr Rittenhouse now promises they shall be done by next Saturday and as the Assembly is adjourned we hope he will fulfil his promise they shall be forwarded by the post or some safe Hand as soon as done.

We are Gen^t^
Your most obed^t^ Servt^s^ Th. Johnson Ju^r^
T. Stone. R. Alexander.

[S. Smith to Council.] Original.

Balt^o^ Town 9th April 1776.

Gen^t^ Since my return have made Enquiry & found a Person a professed stocker of Guns who will immediately finish your number of Guns at 15/ each tis the customary price. The Gunsmiths as yet do very little work & I see no probability of my Company being armed by them these 3 months. I shall be much obliged if you permit me to fit the Province Arms I now have. I shall not want more than 15 or 16.

I am Gen^t^ Your mo. obed^t^ & oblig^d^ serv^t^
Sam Smith.

Wednesday 10th April 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr. Hall

Commissions issued to William Falton appointed 2^d^ Lieutenant and John Hill Ensign of Captain James Mackey's Company of Militia in Cæcil County.

C. S. J. Also to John Cochran appointed Ensign of Captain Dobson's Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Elijah Cole appointed first Lieutenant Joseph Tanner second Lieutenant, and Elisha Rogers Ensign of Capt John Ogleby's Company of Militia in said County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] James Miller Eighty Pounds five Shillings and three Pence for Cloathing &c. for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Benjamin Mackall thirteen Pounds for Powder purchased for the use of the Province.

Commissions issued to Charles Williamson appointed Captain, John Spickernall 1st Lieutenant, Thomas Gray second Lieutenant, and Daniel Kent Ensign of a Company of Militia in Calvert County.

Also to Thomas Trueman Greenfield appointed Captain, Michael Tawney 1st Lieuten[t] Robert Skinner second Lieutenant, and James Mackall Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Frisby Freeland appointed Captain, James Heighe first Lieutenant, Edward Reynolds second Lieutenant and Samuel Hance Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Walter Smith appointed Captain John Turner first Lieutenant, John Clare second Lieutenant, and Thomas Johnson Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to John Wood appointed Ensign of Captain Edward Wood's Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Elias Lazinbey appointed Ensign of Captain Richardson's Company of Militia in Prince George's County.

Also to Christopher Driver appointed first Lieutenant and Robert Postlethwait Ensign of a Company of Militia in Caroline County.

Copy of Letter N° 113 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 113. [Council to Queen Anne's County Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County.

Gent[n] In Consequence of a letter received by M[r] James Tilghman from Edward Tilghman Esq[r] we send you the Association-Papers of your County transmitted to the last Convention. Be pleased to return them to us as soon as you have done with them.

10th April 1776.

[Dr Wiesenthal to Council.] Original.

Annapolis April 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. I take the Liberty to lay before you the following remarks concerning the future treatment of the Sick in our Troops. Soldiers, from their way of life being exposed to Heats and Colds both day and night, are liable to numerous Complaints, and Sickness of the severest kinds, which if not a proper precaution taken, will bring on an infection, and bring the greatest Havock in an army even more then the Sword, this having been so often experienced, all nations have taken the greatest care to prevent this by separating the Sick from the healthy, and furnishing them with more comfortable Lodgments and diet, besides sufficient attendance with both Physic and nursing. As long as Troops are in Garrison it suffizes to have but one Hospital, called the Garrison or Regimental Hospital into which the sick are removed from the Barracks and which is properly furnished with Bedding &c.; but whenever the Troops take the field another hospital must be established, which is called the moving or flying Hospital which attends the army wherever it marches, and is placed in the Rear on the next plantation to receive both sick and wounded having sufficient Bedding carried after with other necessarys besides a Carriage with a convenient Chest of Medicines and Bandages. But as many sick and wounded would not admit of following the army in its march, another Hospital is erected in some secure place called the fix't Hospital into which those sick and wounded are removed, which have not the appearance of a speedy Recovery. These Hospitals are furnished by a commissary besides proper Bedding, with sundry articles of diet, such as Rice, Oatmeal, Vinegar cyder, Shelled Barley, Sugar, fresh Meat, &c &c in order for the Physician to prescribe the proper diet for the different Disorders. The Physician or Surgeon General has the whole direction of these Hospitals and has a power to appoint additional mates or discharge them, according as they may be wanted or not since the mates of the Troops can not often attend the Hospitals, and the troops together. in this fixt hospital the medicinal shop is generally deposited with a proper person for preparing the medicines under the direction of the Surgeon General who procures those medicines from time to time which become deficient, (if to be had)

This small plan I would recomend to your Deliberation or to lay it before the Convention that proper directions and orders may be issued I have the honour to be with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,

Your most hble and obedt Servt
C. F. Wiesenthal

Memorandum. in the beginning of February I attended some of our soldiers so as they arrived but not general since my appointment was not known to all the officers but since the middle of February I attended the whole. Mr Wm Augustus Dashiell whom I recommended as mate under me did attend the same time, but he has not got a commission yet. Dr Budd arrived 2 days after the ship Defence returned when he went on board. Mr Nathan Dorsey arrived the evening the Defence set off from the wharf and thus went on board. Mr Dashiell was one of those that went out with the ship Defence in place of Dr Budd. Dr Coulter and Beard went likewise out with the Defence. C. Wiesenthal.

Original. [Stevenson to Council.]

Copper Mine 10th April 1776.

Gentlemen. When you met at Baltimore last March I presented you with a Memorial informing that eighteen Hands at my Mine were idle for want of Gunpowder and that the Baltimore Committee had taken 200lbs out the Public Magazine which I had purchased last Fall and which has greatly impeded the carrying on my works at the Copper Mine. You were then pleased to take my case into consideration and grant me some relief. However since that I had procured 100lbs of Powder at a very great expence and charge in Philadelphia which coming down in the Packet with sundry other things for the Committee they likewise seized and will not deliver up. What I have to request of the Honourable the Council of Safety is either to order my last 100lb powder to be returned me or if the public Safety requires it should not be given up to order me money to replace the same quantity. I have purchased very good powder manufactured in the country at 10/ pr lb. and can be supplied with a sufficient quantity to carry on my works at that price and not under, the powder I have experienced to be of as good a quality as any imported from Europe, therefore I flatter myself you will take it into your consideration either to order me the powder or money. Your compliance will very much oblige,

Gentlemen, Your most hble Servant,
Jn° Stevenson.

Original. [W. Lux to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 10 April 1776.

Dear Sir. I have just now recd your favor of the 6th & am much pleased that our committee are able to Justify their conduct to your satisfaction. I believe they all mean to do right,

but its quite necessary to keep them within Bounds, because their Zeal will sometimes outstrip their prudence. I intend down the last of the week or beginning of next with the acco^{t} of the Defence and will then bring the schooners acco^{t} so far as I am concerned. Mr Hollingsworth has not got any clover-seed, the Flaxseed, Oil & Lead you shall have by the very first conveyance. I am afraid Hackles cant be got, but I will try. I must beg you to send by Mr Chase £800. Mr Alexander has never come down, & I must Pay off all the Ships acco^{ts} before I come down I hear the Convention is adjourned if so I wish to know. We have got 3 of the 18 Pounders come down, 6 more were to set off yesterday. Mr Hughes has drawn on me for the carriage & hopes you will place some Money in my hands for that purpose. I have paid £30 for these 3 & wrote to him to send an order on the Council, as I imagined they would indulge him when they saw him exerting himself Mr Trumbull tells me you have appointed Capt Nicolson Agent & Paymaster of the defence, please to let me know, & whether we are to be any further concerned in furnishing any thing on the Ships acco^{t} as we may close it finally; I wish the acco^{t} in the Papers of the surrender of Quebec could be true, but it will come presently. I have been hard at it disputing the point of Independency, two to one against me. I wish you Health & Happiness & am,

Honble Sir, Your obliged Obed^{t} Servt
Willm Lux

You must excuse ½ a sheet of Paper these times:
To the Honble Daniel of St Thos Jenifer Esqr

[Hindman to Council.] Original

Talbot Court House Ap^{r} 10th 1776.

Gentl^{n} When I was in Annapolis you were kind enough to promise me 50 stand of Arms, if you think it safe shall be much obliged to you to send them over by the Miles River Packet, with the accoutrements necessary for them, I shall be able am in hopes to get 30 or 40 Blankets, hope you will spare me as many as you can, am very anxious to get to my station; Potts or Camp Kettles please to send at same time, Hatts you also promised me, and Cloth if you have any to spare, as many of my people are very bare of Cloathing and begin to grumble about not having their Cloathes; in our present situation it is impossible to keep the Company all together, as many of them cannot get their board nearer than seven or eight miles which makes it impossible for them to meet as regularly as they

ought for which reason am very desirous of getting Arms & Blankets to remove to my station.

I am Gentl^{n} Your most obd^{t} h^{ble} Servt
James Hindman

Original. [Ray and others to Council.]

Bladensburgh 10th April 1776.

Gentlemen. As we would not willingly interfere with any person's private Character unless obliged so to do on a matter of the utmost consequence, which in the present case we are under the necessity of doing, so far as is consistant with our opinions and safety; yet far be it from us, and sorry indeed we should be to do the smallest injustice to any person whatever, nor will we in any respect condesend to do it. We are apprehensive that Mr William Hamilton may be appointed Captain in place of Captain Andrew Beall, by the recommendation of Col^{o} Joshua Beall through prejudice to our late Captain, who would not condesend to serve as Captain under him. There has been great confusion in the Company since our Captain resign'd, and it will be much more so if Hamilton should be appointed Captain, as a great majority of the Company are determined not to serve under him, he not being a proper person in any respect whatever for that office; and sensible we are, in the event of his being appointed (should it so happen) that a Company inferior to none in the Province, in the Militia, must inevitably come to nothing, wholly from the dislike they have of his filling that station: We therefore hope, and entreat your honours, not to be the cause of distroying so good a Company, which you might innocently be induced to by the recommendation of the Colonel, but we trust, that you will take the matter into your serious consideration, and reflect that we are free people, and have a right, to the choice of our own Officers, under whom we are to risque our lives and fortunes with theirs, which we will most chearfully and readily do when ever called upon, provided we have Officers agreeable, and such only we will obey. We therefore pray your honours would gratify us in granting a Commission to Mr Andrew Beall Junr as our Captain in place of his Father, a young man that we choose in preference to any man in the Company, and who is Balloted in by a great majority, having thirty odd votes out of fifty, and there were four candidates. And we further entreat you, to give us the liberty of choosing our other officers, which will give great satisfaction to the

whole Company. We are for ourselves, and in behalf of the rest of the Company, with much respect, Gentlemen.

Your very obed^{t} hble Servt^{s}

Josias Ray	William Matthews	Thomas Brown
James Ray	John Beall	Jeremiah Moore
Alexander Crofford	Thos Beall	Ignatius Wilson
Thomas Crofford	Henry Scott	John Tilley
Basil Crawford	George Bence	John Willson
Josiah Gordon	James Furguson Junr	Henry Purdy
Thos Tilley Junr	Wm Brown Junr	Saml Brashears Junr

We the subscribers do hereby certifie that we prefer Andrew Beall Junr to any other person as Captain in Place of his Father. Original.

Thos Adams Junr	1	James Mockbe	24
Thomas Beall	2	Clement Wilson	25
Thomas Tilley Junr	3	Henry Tuell	26
Nathl Suit	4	John Furguson	27
William Conn	5	Henry Purdy	28
Henry Scott	6	Philip Cissil	29
Thos Brown	7	James Furguson	30
Wm Brown	8	Wm Mullikin	31
John Beall	9	Theophilus Hughes	32
Josias Ray	10	Joseph Cook	33
Jonathan Manby	11	Thos Bean	34
Jeremiah Moore	12	Isaiah Hurley	35
Basil Crawford	13	Wm Marthis	36
James Ray	14	Philip James	37
Patrick Law	15	Thos Weight	38
Thomas Crawford	16	John Bozwell	39
Alexander Crawford	17	David Wilson	40
Abegnigo White	18	John Wilson	41
Josiah Gordon	19	James Wilson	42
Samuel Brashears Junr	20	John Mayhew Junr	43
John Tilley	21	George Seb Bence	44
I do prefer Andrew Junor to any other person in our Company for Capt.	22	Josias S. Wilson	45
		Ignatius Wilson	46
Josias Shaw	23		

N. B. If the Council of Safety or Convention should want to be informed with regard to Wm Hammilton who is first Lieu^{t} of the Company, Peter Brown a sergeant in Capt Lucas Company can inform.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland:

[Hamilton's petition.] Original.

The Humble petition of William Hammilton sheweth That your petitioner has undoubted reasons to believe that there is Methods carrying on by some to exclude him from the Post as Captain, Where he now is first Lieutenant of the Comp^{y} of Militia that Capt Andrew Beall has resigned he in order to get his son Andrew Beall J^{r} who was 2^{d} Lieut (and his expecta-

tions of being appointed Major) resigned & solicited the Compy to Recommend his son who is yet a youth, as Capt over your petitioner And yr petitioner hath proper Credentials to produce to the Honol Board if required, of his being in the provincial service nine years the last war at the Reduction of Quebec &ca Your petitioner therefore hopes yr Honors will be please to appt him to the post as Capt as by Rotation he humbly thinks he is intitled to, and in duty bound will &c.

C. S. J. Thursday 11th April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Barton Lucas sixty nine Pounds fifteen Shillings being the Ballance of his general Account to the 3d Instant.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Beriah Maybury, Cornelius Garretson and Wm Waller nine Pounds each for sounding the Depth of the River between Greenbury's Point and Horn Point.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Gibson three Pounds five Shillings for Boat Hire &c. as per Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Haskins Stone forty eight Pounds ten Shillings being the Ballance of his general Account to the 3d Instant.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Price £39.. 3.. 9 for cloathing for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Price fifteen Pounds four Shillings and three Pence, the Amount of his Account for Subsistence till the 14th of March.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Isaac Harris all the Musquets now in the Magazine, which are not fitted with Steel Ramrods in Order that they may be fitted therewith.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doctr Benjamin Kennedy forty four Pounds three Shillings and four Pence for Medicine for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Michael Wallace fifty Pounds Currency for Medicine.

Copy of Letter No 114 was sent to Capt James Hindman.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. John Hall One hundred and twenty nine Pounds six Shillings and six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Battalion when on Duty the 9th March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Jacob Brice three Pounds ten Shillings and ten Pence, the Amount of his Account for Subsistence till 14th of March.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap[t] John Day Scott seventy two Pounds seventeen Shillings, the Ballance of his general Account to the 3[d] Instant. C. S. J.

Commissions issued to Robert Hitch appointed Captain, Jacob Bell first Lieutenant, Thomas Humphreys second Lieutenant and George Tull Ensign of a Company of Militia in Somerset County, belonging to the first Battalion of this Province.

Also to Joseph Maccubbin appointed first Lieutenant, Joshua Cromwell second Lieutenant and Benjamin Wright Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County belonging to the seventh Battalion.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hindman.] C. S. C. No. 114.

To Captain James Hindman

Sir.

We shall send the Arms and Ammunition to Chester Town to-morrow or the Day following, with Directions to Mess[rs] Smith and Hands, who are now there to distribute them agreeable to our Instructions and to see that no Preference is given thereon.

11th Ap[l] 1776

[Dashiell to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. April 11th 1776.

I took the Liberty some time since, of informing you of a company of Militia, in the first batallion in this province, being dissatisfied with the appointment of their Commissioned officers, whereupon the Captain George Wails resigned his commission and the Company reelected by ballot, their officers a Certificate of which was transmited to the Council, but in answer I was informed that the Council did not think it regular, to issue new commissions until those issued by convention were returned to them, I begg leave to inform you, that upon Cap[t] Wails'es Resignation he delivered me his Commission, and that I have by some means or other misplaced it, and have not been able to lay my hands on it since, but as M[r] Wails is not in possession of the Commission Issued by convention I hope its not being returned to the Council will be no obsticle to their issuing a new one for the Gentleman, who was returned in Certificate. M[r] Wilson who was appointed ensign to that Company, has likewise resigned whose commission Ive Inclosed. I have the Honor to be Gentlemen,

Your Most obed[t] Humble Serv[t] George Dashiell.

C. S. J. Friday 12th April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Christopher Richmond five Pounds eleven Shillings and six Pence, the Amount of his Account for Subsistence till 14th March.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Patrick Sim One hundred and forty one Pounds eighteen Shillings and three Pence being the Ballance of his general Account till the 3d Inst.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Gilbert Middleton seven Pounds thirteen Shillings and six Pence for Boat Hire.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Mr Athanasius Ford One hundred and eighty three Pounds one Shilling and five Pence for providing Subsistence for Capt John Allen Thomas's independent Company.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send in a Boat to be procured, forty one Blankets to Captain Nathaniel Ramsey for the use of his Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Thomas Watkins thirty two Pounds fourteen Shillings and ten Pence to discharge the Pay and Subsistence of his Company when on Duty the 8th of March last.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gentlemen. Yours of the 9th Inst was delivered to us this day at twelve o'Clock, and we immediately handed the Packet inclosed to the President, It contained the Act of Parliament for restraining the Trade of the Colonies passed in December last, and which was received here in the Beginning of February; Our friends in South Carolina supposed we might not have received the Act and therefore sent the first copy they received. There having been an Arrival of Powder lately on account of the Congress we just before the Rec[t] of your Letter borrowed a Ton and shall send it to Chester Town to wait your Order, in the Distribution thereof: Every other colony has been supplied from the continental magazine & this was spared to us without Hesitation.

We are Gen[t] Y[r] most humb. Servt[s]

Phil[a] April 12th 1776. T. Johnson Jun[r] T. Stone

9 oClock night.

Saturday 13 April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Peter Waters nineteen Pounds one Shilling and three pence to discharge the Pay of his Battalion of Militia when on Duty 9th March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. George Dashiell thirteen Pounds four Shillings and six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Battalion.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. George Dashiell thirty Shillings for Boat Hire in removing Stock from an Island in Somerset County.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Lieutenant Col. Thomas Contee thirty three Pounds seven Shillings for Musquets purchased for Capt Stone's Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Thos Contee (for the use of Mr William Allain) seventeen Pound thirteen Shillings for Boat Hire for Hornet and Wasp.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Day Scott thirty Eight Pounds and eight Pence for Cloathing for his Troops.

Copy of Lre. No 115 was sent to Mr Richard Harrison of Martinico.

Instructions were given to Capt Thomas Kell.

Copy of Letter No 116 was sent to The Committee of Safety for the Colony of Virginia.

Commissions issued to Joseph Burgess appointed 1 Lt John Norwood 2d Lt and Thomas Cornelius Howard Ensign of Capt Brice Howard's Compy of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Copy of Letter No 117 was sent to Thomas Smyth & Thomas Bedingfield Hands Esqrs.

Ordered That the Arms, Accoutrements, Blankets &c. mentioned in Letter No 117 be put on Board Capt Water's Boat and sent to Baltimore Town, and from thence with the other Things mentioned in said Letter to Chester Town, and that a commissioned Officer and two Privates guard the same.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Timmins seven Pounds ten Shillings for 30 Ramrods.

Ordered That Major Gist send to the Committee of Observation for Kent County 1 Ton of Musquet Gunpowder, 4 Tons of Lead, 454 Cartridge Boxes & Belts, 454 Bayonet Belts and 400 Gunslings and also 60 of the Guns & Bayonets now in the Possession of Capt Nathl Smith's Company of Matrosses.

Ordered That Major Gist deliver the 55 Stand of Arms

C. S. J. which are in the Magazine at Baltimore Town to Cap[t] Nathaniel Smith.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 115.

[Council to Harrison.]

To M[r] Richard Harrison, Martinico.

Sir. By Capt[n] Kell we send you a Cargoe of Flour, which we hope will get safe to Hand and meet with a good Markett. As to the Species of Returns we have heretofore wrote you fully. We have Nothing to add at present only that you would please to observe that our Bay is so full of Men of War and Tenders, that we are of Opinion that whatever Returns you send should be in small Vessels that sail well, and may occasionally run into some of the Inlets on the Seaboard Side of Worcester County or come in close under Cape Charles.

12 Ap[l] 1776

No. 116.

[Council to Virginia Committee.]

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gent[n] M[r] Risteau the Bearer has the Misfortune of having a Brother in Captivity taken by Lord Dunmore and entertains some Hopes of obtaining his Release if he can gain Access to him.

He is a Native of this Province and well known to some of us to be a warm Friend to American Liberty. We should therefore be obliged to you if you would afford him any Opportunity for that Purpose that would not be injurious to the Cause in which we are embarked.

13th Apl, 1776

No. 117.

[Council to Smyth.]

To Thomas Smyth, Esq[r]

Sir We are sorry any uneasiness should prevail among the Independent Captains on the Eastern Shore from a Supposition they have not equally the Attention of the Council of Safety, with those on this side the Bay. We aim at doing what is right and wish to avoid every appearance of Partiality. The Companies here are unhappily circumstanced both as to Arms and Cloathing, as they are with you.

We were disappointed in having as many Guns at Baltimore as we expected, and as there were a good many on Hand in Annapolis and we had a Probability of receiving sixty or eighty more from Fred[k] within a few Days, we thought it most

advisable to wait a little while for them, that you might be C. S. C.
furnished at once with at least as many as we had in View to send when you were with us. The Hatts, Blankets & lead did not get down until three or four Days ago, and we were obliged to send a second Messenger to Baltimore before we could learn the quantity of Muskett-Powder they had there. those matters prevented our supplying you so early as we were anxious to do.

We have sent you from hence by Mr Waters's Boat 94 Musketts 21 Rifles with Bullet-Moulds, Pouches and Horns, 510 hatts, 3 p^s^ Oznabrigs, 1500 Gun Flints, 20 Muskett Bullet Moulds, 40 Blankets, 2½ Reams of Cartridge Paper, 50 p^s^ Check, 15 p^s^ of Russia Linen, & 45 p^s^ of Cruger, and have ordered Major Gist to send from Baltimore 1 Ton of Muskett Gun Powder, 4 Ton of Lead, 454 Cartridge Boxes & Belts, 454 Bayonet-Belts, 300 Gun Slings, and also 60 of the Musquetts and Accoutrements now in the possession of Captn Nathaniel Smith's Company. The Oznabrigs is for Captn Veazey's Company, the Blanketts for the others, & the Arms &^c^ with 40 Musketts and Accoutrements and 20 Rifles, which we have purchased from Mr Thomas Ringgold with those you have bought, and also the Linen are to be equally distributed —to avoid all Complaints, if you have Leisure, we request you will parcel out the Arms for each Company. Cecil County is already sufficiently supplied with Powder and Lead. The gentlemen from below say the Addition of one Barrel will not be enough, we therefore would have you send them each another, and to keep up an Equality which may prevent Uneasiness we desire you will also add one to each of the other Counties except Caroline. We desire you will contract for the other Rifles, but think the Shoes too dear.

If Mr Hands can come over with you the last of next Week it will be a great Relief to us. Mr Carroll is fearful of a Fit of the Gout, Mr Tilghman anxious to get to the Eastern Shore and the rest of us are much fatigued.

13th Ap^l^ 1776.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gen^t^ Phil^a^ April 13th 1776.

There is not an Ell of light Duck in this city or we should have bought some agreeable to your request. We advised with persons here who understand what articles are fit for Tents and they inform us that the Cruger sent by Mr Bowley from hence is very proper for that purpose. We wish to know if you have received the Cruger and other linens imported in the Wild Dick: We directed them to be lodged at Baltimore

for your Order, and expect they are arrived before this. Inclosed you have a memdm. of the several p^s^ Be pleased inform us if you have heard from Vanbeber. No important Occurrence since we last wrote you. We are y^r^ most ob^t^ servt^s^

Th. Johnson Junr T. Stone, R. Alexander.

We wish to be informed if in your Opinion the Cruger is proper for tents.

C. S. J. Monday 15 April 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Lux Agent for the Ship Defence eight hundred Pounds.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt John Allen Thomas sixty one Pounds five Shillings and eleven Pence being the Ballance of his general Account.

Copy of Letter N° 118 was sent to Col. Smallwood.

Adjourned till next day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 118. [Council to Smallwood.]

To Col° Wm Smallwood.

Sir. You are hereby requested to send a commissioned Officer to apprehend Alexander Ross of this Province on Suspicion of his having been instrumental in communicating Intelligence to Lord Dunmore and other Persons inimical to this province and to the cause of America, and to bring him with all convenient Speed before the Council of Safety. The officer you send will probably find him in the Neighbourhood of Queens Town in Queen Ann's County, and for so doing this shall be your Justification. Witness our hands this 14th day of April Anno Domini 1776.

N. B. The Officer is to command what Assistance he may want after he gets to the Eastern Shore.

14th Apl. 1776

Original. [Hanson to Council.]

Frederick Town Middle District Ap^l^ 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. The committee have received the Rolls of Capt Youngs and Capt Goods Minute Companys, and the times of the mens attendance, agreeable to the resolves of the Conven-

tion their pay amounts to 86.. 4.. 6 which sum the Committee request may be immediately put into their hands that the men may be paid off.

I am desired to acquaint your Honours that the quantity of powder now in the Magazine in this Town is only about 600 w^{t}—that tho' that powder belongs properly to the whole province, yet they hope they may have the liberty, on any occasion where they conceive the good of the Province to be concerned, of making use of any part of it, which they may think necessary, and they request your Honours permission so to do:

I am Gen^{t} Your most hble Servt John Hanson Junr

Tuesday 16 April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Mr Isaac McHard supply Capt Samuel Smith with Bread for the use of his Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Thomas Ewing two hundred Pounds on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs John Shaw and Archibald Chisholm twenty two Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence for stocking Musquets &c. as p Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Richard Ridgely eight Pounds Currency to pay an Express to Phil^{a}delphia.

Ordered That the s^{d} Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Collett thirty Shillings for painting Gun Carriages.

In Consequence of intercepted Letters received from the Committee of Safety of Virginia, (Copies of which are inserted in the Letter Book, and follow N° 120) the Council appointed a Deputation of Two of their Body Messrs Carroll and Hall, and requested W. Paca Esqr to wait on the Governor with them, and desire a Sight of his Letter of the 27th of August to Lord Dartmouth, And in Case the same could not be procured, to ask his Parole that he would not leave the Province till the Meeting of the Convention.—The Gentlemen report that they waited on his Excellency accordingly and desired a Sight of the Letter; to which he answered that he had sent away the Copy of that Letter with all his Papers of Consequence, last Fall, and could not remember the Particulars, but observed we might be convinced there was nothing of a nature unfriendly to the Peace of this Province, because the Troops going to the Southward were not ordered here: he asserted also upon his Honour that he had not endeavoured to enflame the Ministry by traducing the Characters of Individuals, some he had spoke well of, others he had recommended as Sufferers.

C. S. J. The Gentlemen of the Congress he had spoke of as acting in the Line of Moderation.

That they then informed his Excellency they were instructed to ask his Parole, that he would not leave the Province till the Meeting of the Convention the Governor complained of being unjustly suspected, gave them his Letters from William Eden Esq[r] his Brother one of the under-Secretaries of State, also from Lord Dartmouth: Copies of which he gave Leave to take, (and are inserted in the Letter Book) and desired Time till the next Day 12 O'Clock to give his definitive Answer.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[Hancock to Council.]

Philadelphia Ap[l] 16th 1776

Gentlemen

By the Letters of Lord Germaine to your Governour, Copies of which you have inclosed, it evidently appears that M[r] Eden has been carrying on a dangerous Correspondence with the Ministry of Great Britain, who seem desperately bent on the Destruction of America. The Congress therefore have come to a Resolution that the Person and Papers of Governour Eden be immediately seized, from which there is Reason to believe, we may not only learn but probably defeat, the Designs of our Enemies.

The Congress also being informed that there is one Alexander Ross in your Colony, who has lately been with Lord Dunmore, and is represented as a dangerous Partizan of the British Administration, him also the Congress are desirous of apprehending, and for that Purpose, have passed a Resolution, which you have inclosed with the other.

The Congress relying on your Zeal, confide that you will exert your best Endeavours in executing said Resolutions.

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most obed[t] h[ble] Serv[t]
John Hancock Presid[t]

The Honble The Committee of Safety of the Colony of Maryland at Annapolis

Original.

[Resolution in Congress.]

In Congress April 16th 1776.

Whereas information has been this day laid before Congress from which there is great reason to believe that Robert Eden

Esquire Governor of the colony of Maryland, has lately carried on a correspondence with the British Ministry highly dangerous to the liberties of America:

Resolved therefore that the council of Safety of Maryland be earnestly requested immediately to cause the person & papers of governor Eden to be seized and secured and such of the papers as relate to the American dispute without delay conveyed safely to Congress. And that copies of the intercepted letters from the secretary of state be enclosed to the said council of Safety.

Resolved, That the Council of Safety of Maryland be requested to cause the person & papers of Alexander Ross to be immediately seized & secured and that the papers be sent safely to Congress.

And to prevent the said Alexander Ross having any opportunity to escape

Resolved that the like request be made to the Committees of observation for Baltimore and Frederic Counties in Maryland, in one of which counties the said Ross probably now is. Extract from the minutes.

Chas Thomson Sec^{y}

Ordered by Congress to be transmitted to the Honble Council of Safety of the Colony of Maryland.

John Hancock President.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] C. S. C.

Gen^{t} We send by the bearer James Rue a Waggoner one ton of powder for the use of the Eastern Shore, you will be pleased to receive it, into your care, and advise the Council of Safety of the same, that they may direct the distribution; you will observe that Cecil County, is not entitled to any part of this powder, as we have already supplied that coty from this place. be so kind as to acknowledge the reci^{t} of the powder by the return of the Waggoner.

We are Gen^{t} Y^{r} most obed^{t} servants,

R. Alexander. Th. Johnson Junr

Philadelphia 16 April 1776. T. Stone.

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Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gen[t] We this morning sent off in a Waggon one Ton of Powder for Chester Town, which is directed to the care of Mess[rs] Smyth & Hands if absent to be delivered to the Committee of observation, We have wrote these Gen[t] to receive the powder to await y[r] orders for the Distribution, this powder We obtained on application from Congress, who grant Supplies to the diff[t] provinces, as the Circumstances & situation of them make it necessary, knowing the exposed & defenceless state of the Eastern Shore, We have sent off this supply which we expect, will meet your Approbation, you will observe Cecil County has been supplyed by us from hence with 500 lbs. We mention this, to prevent any part of the Ton being sent that County. We send you by the post 8 of the Plates with the Devices for the Money. Rittenhouse says the rem[g] 4 will be finished in 10 or 12 Days. We are with respect Gen[t]

Y[r] Hble Serv[ts]

R. Alexander. T. Stone.

Phil[a] 16 Ap[l] 1776.

C. S. J. Wednesday 17 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Copy of Letter N° 119 was sent to Th° Smyth & T. B. Hands Esq[rs]

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Reynolds thirty two Shillings for two Cords of Wood for the use of the Council of Safety.

An Answer was received from the Governor by Letter addressed to the Gentlemen who waited on him, (Vid. Letter Book, next before N° 120.)

In answer to which, Copy of Letter N° 120 was sent to his Excellency.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore deliver to M[r] Benjamin Harwood unsigned Bills of Credit of this Province to the Amount of £5000.

Permit was granted to William Jones, of the Sloop Sally, belonging to M[r] Robert Cummins Victualler to the Troops, to pass and repass with Provisions to any Part of this Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess[rs] Black and M[c]Connell fifty seven Pounds five Shillings and a penny for Cloathing for the Troops.

Commissions issued to Richard Weems appointed Captain Gideon Dare 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Allengham 2[d] Lieutenant, and Benjamin Harrison Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Mr Walter Hanson of Charles County thirty five Pounds Currency to defray his Expences in attending the Powder Mills in Pennsylvania, or elsewhere, for Instruction; which said Sum Mr Hanson agrees to refund in Case he does not erect a Powder Mill in this Province; but if Mr Hanson should erect a Powder Mill, it is left to the Consideration of the next Convention; whether the money aforesaid be returned or not. Mr Hanson further agrees to give this Province the Preference in the Disposal of all Powder which he shall manufacture, provided he erects the said Mill. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 121 was sent to the Deputies for Maryland in Congress, and also Copy of N° 122.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Smyth and Hands.] C. S. C. No. 119.

To Thos Smyth & T. B. Hands, Esq^rs^

Gent^n^ Very urgent affairs of the Province require your Attendance in Council. We therefore request you will immediately join us at Annapolis.

14th Ap^l^ 1776

[Eden to Carroll, Hall and Paca.] Original.

Annapolis 17th April 1776.

Gent^n^ However unwelcome might be your Errand your polite Behaviour to me Yesterday merits my Acknowledgments: And on mature Consideration of the Proposal you made to me, I find it incumbent on me to tell you that I will not accord to it, nor can I, whilst I act, in any Degree, as Governor of this Province, give my Parole to walk about in it, a Prisoner at Large, under any Obligation whatever; the Necessity must be obvious of my ceasing to act as Governor, should I become a Prisoner; neither will I voluntarily give you any Satisfaction on that head, further than that I had, and have, no Intention during these Times, of leaving the Province, whilst my continuing here can in my own Opinion, tend to preserve its Tranquility. My Resolution was, as the Letters you have of mine show, to continue here whilst I could serve the Province; nor shall the Indignity now offered to me alter it. I shall persevere in my line of Duty by what I think the Rule of Right, but not without some Chagrin at knowing myself unmeritedly the Object of Suspicion, altho' I have the Satisfaction to think that a considerable part of the most respectable Persons in the Province entertain a very different Opinion of me, than is to be inferred from your proposed Arrest.

May I not challenge you to say to the World if any Troops have arrived at, or any hostile Measures been proceeded in against, this Province, from any Request of mine, or Information from me, to the Secretary of State? I have above told you my Resolution of continuing in my Station, as long as permitted, or the ostensible Form of the established Government can contribute to preserve the Peace of the Province; and I will add one further Assurance, in hopes it may be satisfactory to you, that as your Convention is to meet shortly they shall find me here, and willing to continue acting in the same Line I have hitherto done, so long as Maryland can reap any peaceful Benefits from my Service, provided I can have Assurances that my peaceable departure shall not be impeded, whenever I find my remaining any longer here unnecessary, or that my private Affairs at home indispensably demand my Return:

Consistent with my Honour, and insulted Station, I cannot add more but that, if made a Prisoner, I shall consider myself treated as an Enemy, and such a proceeding as a Breach of that Confidence I have implicitly reposed in you, which I thought my Conduct, and the public Declaration of the Convention justified. I am Gentlemen with respect,

Your obed^{t} humble Servt Robt Eden.

To Chas Carroll Esqr Bar: John Hall Esqr & William Paca Esqr

C. S. C. No. 120.

[Council to Eden.]

Sir.

In Times of public Distress and Convulsion when a free People are threatened with a deprivation of their civil Liberty, Exertions for it's Preservation influenced by the purest Principles and conducted with all possible Attention to Form and Ceremony, we hope will not be considered as an Indignity or Insult to any Rank or Station in the Community. The Proceeding which your Excellency reprehends in your Letter addressed to Ch^{s} Carroll, John Hall, & Wm Paca Esq^{rs} and communicated by them to our Board, arose from an Impression that we who are intrusted with the public Safety, should pursue with Vigilance every effectual Measure, tho' the Danger to be guarded against may rest only in Possibility. The intercepted Letters from Administration to your Excellency, we own, furnish Grounds for Conjecture and Apprehension only of your having held an injurious Correspondence; and whilst we reflect on the general Tenor of your Excellency's Conduct, the friendly Disposition you have often manifested and the several favorable and impartial Representations, you have

made to Administration of the Temper and Principles of the People of this Province, we sincerely lament the Necessity of the Times, which urging us to guard against every Possibility of Danger, forced us to a Measure so disagreeable to us and which may prove an unmerited Treatment of your Excellency. C. S. C.

We acknowledge Sir, we know of no Information you have given Administration, countenancing or encouraging the Introduction of Troops into this Province: nor do we know of any measures whatever to have been concerted or pursued by your Excellency injurious to this Province or America.

We thank your Excellency for your Resolution of continuing in your Station as long as permitted or the ostensible Form of the established Government can contribute to preserve the Peace of the Province, and we cheerfully acquiesce in your Excellency's Assurance that as the Convention is shortly to meet, they shall find you here. As far as our Influence extends with that respectable Body, it shall not be wanting to remove every Obstruction to your peaceable Departure, whenever your Excellency's Continuance here shall become inconsistent with your Instructions or your private Affairs shall demand your Return.

With ardent wishes for a speedy Reconciliation upon honorable and constitutional Terms, We have the honor to be with sincere respect, &c.

18th April 1776.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 121.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentn We have had an Alarm here of a very interesting Nature. We think it advisable to communicate the Intelligence by express, at the same Time letting you know what we have done therein, and we are induced to expedite our dispatch because we do not know but that the Congress may have taken some steps in the same Affair; Copies having been forwarded to them from the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, to whom the whole Packett was transmitted by the Committee of Safety of Virginia, we think very improperly, as the address ought to have been made in the first Place to us.

Some Time past Alexander Ross (a great Scound— we fear) applied to our Board for a Permit to Lord Dunmore under Pretence of private Business, and getting some Money that was due to him as he alledged; he brought us a Letter from two Gentlemen of the Congress, Messrs Alexander and Rogers, which no doubt R. A. remembers. We refused to give him

c. s. c. any other Permit than to the Committee of Safety of Virginia, thither he went we are told, but could get no Permit to Dunmore, he got a letter 'tis said to the Committee of Hampton—they declined giving him any Passport; he went to Lord Dunmore without, and on his way back was stopt by Captn Baron, who took from him some Letters to Governor Eden and particularly a circular Letter, also a private Letter from Ld G. Germaine, which we take it for granted you have seen. some of the Committee of Baltimore assuring us that they forwarded Duplicates to the Congress. On Receipt of these Letters Monday Afternoon, we immediately gave orders to apprehend Ross, and the next Morning a Deputation from on board together with W: Paca Esqr then in Town waited on the Governor, shewed him the copies of the intercepted Letters, and requested a Sight of his Letter of the 27th of August to Lord Dartmouth. The Governor declared to us that he had sent away the Copy of that Letter with all his other Papers of Consequence last Fall, and could not remember the particulars, but observed we might be convinced there was Nothing of a Nature unfriendly to the Peace of this Province, because the Troops going to the Southward were not ordered here. He asserted also upon his Honour that he had not endeavoured to enflame the Ministry by traducing the Characters of Individuals, some he had spoke well of, others he had recommended as Sufferers. The Gentlemen of the Congress he had spoke of as acting within the Line of Moderation.

The deputation informed him they were instructed to ask his Parole that he would not leave the Province 'till the Meeting of the Convention; he complained of being unjustly suspected, gave us his Letters from Wm Eden Esqr his Brother, one of the Under-Secretaries, also from Lord Dartmouth (Copies of which we had Leave to take and herewith transmit you)—he desired Time 'till this day 12 oclock to give his definitive Answer: he has given it, and we send you a Copy thereof; we look upon it as giving his Parole in Effect that he will not leave the Province 'till the Convention, and will endeavour to promote the Peace thereof in the mean time: he wishes to continue in that Line of Conduct as long as he can consistent with his Station, and will not leave the Province, after the Convention, provided they will assure him that when he finds he can no longer stay with Peace and Consistency he may have Leave to depart and carry his Effects—this we promised to recommend to our Friends in Convention. W. P. agrees with us in Opinion that we may rest satisfied with this Answer and not call the Convention sooner than the 27th of May, unless some thing further should intervene. You have probably heard that our convention did not meet agreeable to

their late Adjournment; on Friday evening 26 Members who were collected agreed to seperate and that G. Duvall should write a circular Letter informing the Delegates that the Members assembled recommended the Holding a Convention on the 27th of May. We inclose also a Copy of their circular Letter. C. S. C.

The Indignity offered our Board by the Committee of Safety in Virginia, and the Want of Confidence in the Balt. Committee, to say Nothing more harsh, we cannot help complaining of. We know of no good Cause for this Insult in passing us by, nor can we conceive what Motives could induce such Treatment. We send you by Mr Green who will hand you this £1372.0.7 Currency in Gold for the Continental Service. W. P. has delivered in the Money he brought from the Treasury. Be pleased to forward the Money-Plates by Mr Green if not already sent.

P. S. The last Ton of Continental Powder if not already sent to Chester we would have ordered to Baltimore having already sent Powder to the Eastern Shore. The Copies of the Governor's Letters &c are sent in Confidence, and are not to be printed. Our Answer to his Excellency's Letter you shall receive by next Post.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 122.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentn

The Bearer Capt Walter Hanson of Port Tobacco has been recommended to us by Mr Hooe as a Genius in the mechanical Way & as a Person that may be of Service to this Province in gaining a proper Knowledge of erecting and working Powder-Mills or some other useful and necessary Manufacture.

The errand he comes on will no doubt recommend him to your Notice and also intitle him to every Aid and Assistance to attain such laudable End in your Power.

18th April.

[Dartmouth to Eden.] Virginia Copy.

Duplicate: Whitehall July 5th 1775

Sir. Your Brother has been so obliging as to communicate to me from Time to Time such Intelligence, as you have transmitted to him respecting the Affairs in Maryland, and about 10 Days ago I had the Satisfaction to receive your Letter of the 5th of May. I sincerely wish you may not have been too

sanguine in your Hopes, that the Time is not far distant, when Peace and Harmony will be restored & confidence re-established on a permanent Basis; at the same Time I observe with Satisfaction what you say of the Temper and Moderation of the Persons chosen to represent the Province of Maryland in the Continental Congress, & I am not without some Reason to believe that there may be others in that Congress of the same Disposition.

At present however the rebellious Proceedings of the People in most of the Colonies wear the appearance of an actual, Revolt, & it is his Majesty's firm Resolution in consequence of the Advices, which he has received, that the most vigorous Efforts should be made, both by Sea & Land to reduce his rebellious Subjects to Obedience, and the proper Measures are now pursuing, not only for augmenting the Army under General Gage, but also for making such Addition to our naval strength in North America, as may enable Admiral Graves, to make such a Disposition of his fleet as that, besides the Squadron necessary for the New-England Station, there may be seperate Squadrons at New York, within the Bay of Delaware, in Chesapeake Bay & upon the coast of Carolina. After what has passed there can be no Doubt, what ought to be the plan of operations for the squadron upon the New-England Station, & I think it necessary to acquaint you, for your own Information, that Admiral Graves will be instructed to exert the most vigorous Efforts for suppressing the Rebellion now openly avowed & supported in that Country & to seize and obtain all ships & Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, such only excepted, as are the Property of Persons, who are Friends of Government & have shewn an Attachment to the constitution: There is still some Room to hope that the Colonies to the southward may not proceed to the same Lengths with those of New-England; it is however his Majesty's Intentions that the Commanders of the separate squadrons I have mentioned, should be instructed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their respective Stations & any other Places than Great Britain, Ireland, or his Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, that they should receive on Board & give Protection to any officers of the Crown, who may be compelled by the Violence of the People to seek for such an Asylum, and to proceed, as in Case of a Town in actual Rebellion, against such of the Sea Port Towns, being accessible to the King's Ships, as shall hereafter offer any Violence to the Kings officers, or in which any Troops shall be raised, or military Works erected, other than by his Majesty's Authority, or any Attempts made to seize or plunder any public Magazine of Arms or Ammunition:

With Regard to the Plan of Operations to be adopted by General Gage, it must depend upon his own Judgment and the Opinion of the able Generals with him, & I have only to add that it is his Majesty's Express Command, that you do exert every Endeavour, and employ every Means in your power to aid & support him and admiral Graves in all such operations, as they may think proper to undertake for carrying the King's Orders into full Execution & restoring the authority of his Majesty's Government:

The attention you appear to have given to the Preservation of Peace and good Order in your Government is very much approved by the King & I have his Majesty's commands to assure you of his royal Acquiescence in your wish to return to England, when the state of affairs in your Government will admit of it. In the mean Time I hope your private Affairs here, will not suffer by the very honorable Resolution you have taken of remaining in Maryland so long as the present Disorders continue:

I am Sir y^{r} mo. ob^{t} hble Servt
Dartmouth.

[William to Robert Eden.]

Virginia Copy.

My dear Bob. Downing Street Novr 15th

Tom Eden is so violent a Patriot, that he will not let me write one Word worth your reading, as he says that my accursed Politics have already brought a slur on the Blood of our Family: take plain Facts therefore without any Comment. Ld Dartmouth has quitted the Seals for the Privy Seal, which was vacated by the Dismission of the Duke of Grafton, his Grace having made a Crane-necked turn in his politics since last Year. It is another of my Disgraces to be honoured with the Friendship of your new Principal, who I believe will fill his Department ably and actively, and is particularly intimate with the Commanders in chief on your Continent. Ld Rochford has retired on honourable and amicable Terms, we are removing to his Office as Senior, but retain the Northern Department, Ld Weymouth succeeds to the Southern, the other smaller Promotions you will see in the Papers. About four fifts of the House of Commons continue as blindly devoted as your humble servant to a system of Exertion, that this Nation can make beyond any Nation in the World and that we are Fools enough to think the Nation thoroughly disposed to make. You who are a moderate Man, and wish well and kindly to both Parties, at the same Time that you dislike the Extremes of the Language and Conduct pursued by both, will distinguish Truth from Falshood in the strange Jumble of mis-

representation with which our News-papers are stuffed. I shall only add for the present, that I hope we shall all find some Bridge at last to head us back to our old good Humour & Prosperity, but we have a rough Road to go over before we can arrive at it: Believe me ever very affectionately yours.

Wᵐ Eden:

Virginia Copy.

[Lord G. Germain to Eden.]

Whitehall 22ᵈ Decʳ 1775

To Robert Eden Esqʳ

Deputy Governor of Maryland

Sir. It was not till the 27ᵗʰ of Novʳ that your dispatch to Lord Dartmouth of the 27ᵗʰ of August was received here, when I had the honor of laying it before the King; & I have it in command from his majesty to express to you his majestys approbation of your Zeal for the Public Service & of the unalterable attachment you have shewn to his person and Government from the first commencement of the present unhappy Disputes, which have involved his majesty's faithful servants in the Colonies in Difficulties & Distress that are only to be equalled, by the Fortitude with which they are borne.

Your letter contains a great deal of very useful information, & your Confidential Communication of the character of Individuals more especially of such as come over into England is of great advantage; And you may rest assured, that every possible precaution will be used that no part of your letter shall transpire.

An armament consisting of seven Regiments & a Fleet of Frigates & small ships is now in readiness to proceed to the Southern Colonies in order to attempt the Restoration of legal Government in that part of America. It will proceed in the first place to North Carolina & from thence either to South Carolina or Virginia, as circumstances of greater or less advantage shall point out;—if to the latter it may have very important consequences to the Colony under your Government & therefore you will do well to consider of every means by which you may in conjunction with Lord Dunmore give Facility & assistance to its Operations.

I am Sir, yr. most obedᵗ hum. servᵗ Geo. Germain.

Copy J. Pendleton C. C. Safety of Virginia

Virginia Copy.

[Lord G. Germain to Eden.]

Whitehall 23ᵈ December 1775

To Robert Eden Esqʳ Deputy Governor of Maryland:

Sir, The King being determined in concurrence with his

Parliament to pursue the most vigorous Measures for reducing his rebellious Subjects in North America to Obedience and for restoring legal Government has given the Royal Assent to the enclosed act, which I am commanded by his Majesty to transmit to you and at the same time to signify to you his Majesty's pleasure that you do exhort all persons upon whom the Execution of this Law shall depend to pay a due attention thereto, and to use their best endeavours for carrying the provisions of it into Effect; And I trust that when his Majestys deluded Subjects in the Associated Colonies are better apprized of the fatal consequence of the conduct they have adopted, and see the determined spirit of the Nation to maintain its Constitutional rights they will avail themselves of the means which the justice and benevolence of the supreme Legislature have held out to them of being restored to the Kings grace and peace, and that a happy & lasting reconciliation and union will be effected. And I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that in order to accelerate this desireable Object that proper steps have been taken for passing a Commission under the Great Seal in conformity to the last section but one of that act, And that the Commissioner or Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose will have full power to enquire into the state and condition of the Colonies and confer with proper persons upon such points as may be necessary for effecting a restoration of the public tranquility. I am sir y^r^ most ob^t^ hble. serv^t^

Geo. Germain

Co[py] J. Pendleton C. C. Safety
For Virginia

A Copy of the Clause in the act (Restraining Bill) of Parliament referred to by Lord George Germain.

"Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in order to encourage all well affected persons in any of the said Colonies to exert themselves in suppressing the Rebellion therein, and to afford a speedy protection to those who are disposed to return to their duty, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons appointed and authorized by his Majesty to grant a pardon or pardons to any numbers or description of persons by proclamation in his Majesty's name to declare any Colony or province, Colonies or Provinces to be at the peace of his Majesty.

[William to Robert Eden.]

Virgin Copy.

Downing Street, Decr 24th

My dear Brother:

I am very unable to say a tenth Part of what I ought to say

to you this Evening when there is so much to be said, & so few Opportunities of saying it, but my Head is disabled by this Influenza, which has disabled us all by Turns, and my Attention, as far I am competent to employ it, is engaged by official Business.

Our Campaign this Year has certainly not been brilliant, and the News (reported a few Days ago and confirmed this Morning) of the taking of S[t] Johns compleats our Disgrace. We have wanted a few hard Knocks to rouse us, & I trust that we are roused (at least we have had the Knocks) I also trust that we are not stunn'd by them, but animated to a just sense of the Contest, in which we are engaged & determined (and let me add able) to take Measures equal to its Difficulties. You have rather a Predilection for America, let me repeat to you however what I have always said, and what the chearful Disposition of the People of this Country under all their Disappointments in this Business confirms. "We are too steady and too resolute to give Way, & either you or we must give Way, if we were less steady than we are, we could still be too much for you by the relative Advantages which we enjoy, and which we shall still enjoy in spite of the great Expences, to which you are putting us, in great naval Equipments, and in more numerous Armies, than have ever yet been seen in America. It is a cursed Business—we may be mistaken, but we think you in general in a State of Frenzy. You will neither hear Reason, nor act reasonably, & the only Question now is, whether you will be brought back to common Sense and general Happiness, or whether you shall succeed in destroying both us and yourselves. As for your Excellency individually, you are behaving in a Manner to deserve great Credit you are acting the dignified determined Part, and are shewing yourself a Friend to both Sides of the Atlantic. You have all due Honour for it here, and I hope you will be treated with equal Candour on your own Side of the Atlantic.

The Bill which had the Royal Assent yesterday puts an end to all commercial Intercourse between us. I hope the Southern Countries will begin to see the Consequences of continuing upon themselves the Miseries which that Bill must bring on them & that they will learn what they might have learned longer ago, that if they succeed in their present united Enterprize, they will immediately find themselves in a state of subjection to the New-Englanders, & that the longer they persevere in that Enterprize (if they are fortunate enough in the end to fail in it) the more they must suffer. For other Matters I must refer you to the Papers from the Post-Office & remain very affectionately

Yours. W[m] Eden.

[Johnson to Council] Original.

Philadelphia 17. April 1776.

Gentlemen. Yesterday morning just before the meeting of Congress the letters from Balt. which occasioned the Resolution of yesterday came to the hands of the president. By the same express, and as I believe under the same cover came an Anonymous letter referring to a copy therein inclosed from Gen[l] Lee to M[r] Samuel Purviance. I saw and read the copy which was in Purviances hand writing. Lee strongly urged the immediate seizing and securing of the Gov[r]. After the minutes of the preceeding day were read the President began reading the Anonymous letter, but he had not proceeded far before he came to a part desiring that it might not be made known to the Congress but, as I think, to such only as the President might think proper to trust with the contents, the President hesitated, for he had not before read the letter, and seemed desirous of running his Eye over it but on being desired to read out he did so, from the inclosure above mentioned as well as many expressions in the letter and M[r] Purviances being the Heroe of the tale which was told in the first person I had not the least doubt but that Purviance was the Author and M[r] Andrew Allen who saw the letter and is acquainted with Purviances hand writing says it was his.

The letter informs that the writer of it had impressed on Gen[l] Lee, in his way to Virg[a] an Idea that the Council of Safety was timorous and inactive and represents the Council of Safety and Convention too as being afraid to execute the Duties of their Stations, his own and the conduct of the Convention on an affair that you must remember he contrasts to the Disadvantage of the Latter whose inaction he imputes to want of spirit. He speaks of the orders he gave Cap[t] Nicholson on the late alarm and how the Council of Safety was alarmed and frightened at the spirit and boldness of them— represents himself as an object against whom the intentions of the Council of Safety are levelled and in proof recites a conversation with, or saying of one of them to the effect that he was a warm man or a hot headed man whose power must be pulled down or he would throw things into Confusion. As I heard the letter read but once I cannot undertake to repeat expressions with exactness but I think I have preserved the sentiments and have not exaggerated in any thing and on the whole I esteem it a vile injurious calumny calculated like his conversation with Gen[l] Lee to spread suspicion and distrust of the only executive in our province. If I am not mistaken the letter mentions further that some Gen[l] were sent from Balt. or were by him proposed to be sent to Annapolis, who should engage the officer commanding the troops there to secrecy

under Oath and their endeavour to get his assistance to execute what you are requested to do by the resolution, this I suppose may be easily traced.

As soon as the letter was read a motion was made to send the original or a copy of it to you which was warmly supported but it was put off till to day to make way for the Consideration of the subject of the Express and in the meantime all was ordered to be secret. Messrs Stone and Alexander who had been delayed in writing letters for the post, came into the Congress, in this stage of the affair and are, as well as myself, privy to the after transactions:

I am Gen^{t} Your mo obed^{t} Servant, Th. Johnson Junr

Original. [Richardson to Council.]

George Town April 17, 1776.

The Honble Council of Safety. Gentlemen. Your letter of 19th Feby did not come to hand until Friday last, I am very sensible of the honour the Convention did me, by appointing me Supervisor to the Saltpetre works for this District, but being myself a stranger to the Process, necessary for making that Article, & not knowing any person who understood it, that would undertake to carry on the Business, I thought it my duty to Resign, in hopes the Committee for this District might know, & would appoint some Person qualified for the Undertaking, accordingly some time before the rising of the Convention, I delivered Mr John Murdock, (one of our Committee) a newspaper in which was the Resolve of the Convention, concerning Saltpetre Works, desiring him to shew it to the Committee, & inform them of my Resignation; but have not heard of any other persons being appointed Having this Occasion to trouble you, must beg leave to intrude as much further on your Patience, as to inform you, that the Convention having appointed Mr William Deakins, to a Majority, & Mr Aquila Johns to the naval service of the Province The Geo. Town Company of Militia was left without any Subaltern Officer. The Company have nominated Mr Alex^{r} McFadon 1st Mr John Peter 2^{d} Lieutenants; and Mr Edward Gale Ensign, if those Gentlemen should meet your approbation, I hope you will honour them with Commissions. I am

Your most obed^{t} hble Servt
Thomas Richardson.

C. S. J. Thursday 18 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Mr Allen Quynn Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings for 2346 Feet of Plank. C. S. J.

Alexander Ross, according to Order, being brought before the Council in Custody of Captain Peter Adams and Mr Benjamin Chambers,

Ordered That he be kept in Custody of Capt Adams until tomorrow morning.

A Letter was received from John Hancock Esqr inclosing the following Resolves of Congress, to wit,

"In Congress, April 16. 1776.

"Whereas Information has been this Day laid before Congress from which there is great Reason to believe that Robert Eden Esquire Governor of the Colony of Maryland has lately carried on a Correspondence with the British Ministry highly dangerous to the Liberties of America,

Resolved therefore that the Council of Safety of Maryland be earnestly requested immediately to cause the Person and Papers of Governor Eden to be seized and secured and such of the Papers as relate to the American Dispute without Delay conveyed safely to Congress.

And that Copies of the intercepted Letters from the Secretary of State be enclosed to the said Council of Safety."

Resolved That the Council of Safety of Maryland be requested to cause the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross to be immediately seized and secured and that the Papers be sent safely to Congress."

"And to prevent the said Alexander Ross having any Opportunity to escape, Resolved that the like Request be made to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore and Frederick County in Maryland, in one of which Counties the said Ross probably now is." "Extract from the Minutes

Cha Thomson Secy"

"Ordered by Congress to be transmitted to the Honble Council of Safety of the Colony of Maryland.

"John Hancock President.

After Consideration of the above Resolves, A Copy of Letter N° 123 was sent to John Hancock Esquire President of the Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.

[Council to Hancock.] C. S. C. No. 123.

April 18th 1776.

Sir.

Your Letter enclosing the Resolves of Congress was this

c. s. c. Day delivered to us: we were furnished with the intercepted Letters some Time before the Receipt of your's, and had taken such Measures, as in our Judgment were competent to the Occasion. To dissolve the Government and subvert the Constitution by the Seisure and Imprisonment of the Governour, we conceived to be a Measure of too much Delicacy and Magnitude to be adopted without calling and consulting the Convention of this Province: we saw no Necessity urging us to such an Extreme, and were therefore determined not to expose the Province to immedate Anarchy and Convulsion, if an Assurance could be obtained from the Governor, that he would not depart before our Convention met to decide upon this important Business. He cheerfully gave us this Assurance and that we feel no Apprehensions of Danger from him. Under these Circumstances we cannot comply with the Request of Congress in any other Manner than we have done, and flatter ourselves they will rest satisfied and consider us excusable.

We have apprehended Mr Ross and shall keep him in Custody and examine him fully.

Permit us, Sir, to assure you that we are determined to maintain the Rights and Liberties of this Country at every Hazard of life and Property, and will vigorously procure every Measure which the defence of America shall require.

To J. Hancock Esqr
Presd^t^ of Congress.

Original. [A. Beall to Council.]

Bladensburgh 18th April 1776.

Gentlemen. It is with reluctance I take up my pen to address you on a matter I would wish to be silent on, was I not urged to do it by the strongest entreaties of a Company inferiour to none in the province, whom I respect, and who I have the highest satisfaction in obliging. My resigning has thrown the Company into great confusion and concern for fear Mr William Hamilton, my first Lieutenant, should take place as Captain, who they look upon not to be worthy, or in any respect proper for that office; but perhaps may be recommended by the Colonel through prejudice to me, as I would not condescend to serve under him; if it so happens that he should be appointed Captain, it will be the utter distruction of the Company, as they are determined not to serve under him. I would not willingly interfere with this Gentlemans private character, therefore shall only relate the matter to your Honours how he came to be appointed Lieutenant, which was,

as he had been a soldier several years in the last war, I imagined he must have been better quallified than any other person I had the opportunity of getting at that time, however found myself much deceaved for he was as ignorant as those who had never seen a musket thrown in their lives, and surprizingly awkward in every respect, and still continues so. There are many young men in the company who are much better qualified in every respect, and I believe as many so as in any Company in the Province. Mr Hamilton is a poor man and has a wife and several children, and no person to work for them, but himself, therefore cannot make the appearance that an Officer ought to make, is a person of no Education, neither is he qualified in any respect whatever to keep company with the other Gentlemen Officers, which is a material objection by the Company, as they would not choose to serve under an officer who could not keep company with, and be looked upon by other officers but more particularly, as he is esteemed a very improper person in other respects, and of more consiquence to those under him. There are other objections which I do not choose to meddle with, yet I hope have said enough to evince to you, how very displeasing he is to the Company, and the ill consequences that might arise, in case of his appointment, and what I can with much truth and certainty assure would come to pass (i. e.) the breaking up of a Company of much consiquence. Relying on your Honours wisdom in not appointing a person so disagreeable (as nothing but my particular desire to have the Company kept together and to be satisfy'd, could have induced me to write in this manner) I remain with the utmost respect Gentlemen,

Your mo. obed^t^ hble. Servt

Andrew Beall.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gent. We moved yesterday in Congress, that the letter referred to by Mr Johnson, should be immediately transmitted to you that you might have an opportunity of vindicating your Honour against the malitious charges made by the writer, this produced a warm debate which lasted for several hours, we insisted (and were supported by several Gentlemen) that the letter containing the most severe reflections upon you as a publick Body ought not to be concealed; that it was absolutely necessary in the present state of our Affairs that the Dignity of the Executives of every province should be supported if properly conducted and if there rested a suspicion that any publick Body either from weakness or want of integ-

rity omitted or refused to execute the Trust committed to them it ought to be made known to their constituents that the power might be placed in more safe Hands. That the exertions of the Letter Writer had already produced in part of the Council of Virginia distrust and suspicion of you: That we had the most convincing proofs upon all occasions of your integrity, Vigilance and Activity in the common cause: And therefore esteemed it our duty to insist that justice might be done, to your injured characters. It was argued against the motion that the letter was confidential, that it had raised no suspicions in the congress of your zeal or integrity, because they had reposed the highest confidence in you, immediately afterwards by the recommendation sent by the return of the express. And that the mischief which would be produced by communicating the letters would be greater than any benefit which could be expected from it And that the President was not obliged to produce the letter for the Congress to take order thereon, Altho it had been read in the House Upon the question whether the President should be requested to lay the letter before congress five colonies voted in the neg^{e} three in the affirm^{a} and one divided. We conceived this treatment to you & our province to be cruel and ungerous to the last degree, the obligation to secrecy expired yesterday and we immediately determined to give you such a state of this Transaction as our memories supply us with; and Mr Johnson committed to writing what passed on the first day. We this morning waited on Mr Hancock to demand the letter, but he refused to see us, Thus the affair rests at present, & as we cannot delay communicating it to you longer, We have ordered an express immediately to set out for Annapolis and have not the least doubt but you will take the proper steps to vindicate your Honour against the foul Calumny of Mr Purviance who has dared to detract from your Patriotism & spirit. We are determined at all hazards to support you, and tho very sorry for the occasion hope you have complied with the recommendation of Congress, by securing Mr Eden and his papers. If he has conducted himself fairly an Examination will do him credit if otherwise we ought to know it and guard against his unfriendly endeavours. We shall write you by the Post and are Gen^{t} Y^{r} most ob^{t} Ser^{ts} Th. Johnson Junr

Phil^{a} T. Stone. R. Alexander.

Thursday 18 April 1776.

Original. [Smallwood to Council.]

April 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. Captain Adams, yesterday Morning took

Alexander Ross at Chester Town, and immediately afterwards fell in with Ensign Chambers, they have conducted him to this place, and Cap[n] Adams now waits upon you for further Orders respecting the Prisoner.

I am your very obed[t] Servant. W. Smallwood.

Friday 19 April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Thomas Conway twenty five Pounds Currency as a Gratuity for his Diligence and Care in importing Powder.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mess[rs] Jenifer and Hooe two hundred and fifty six Pounds one Shilling and eight Pence, being the Ballance of their Account in Consequence of an Adventure by the Sloop Molly, Thomas Conway Master.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M[r] Jacob Schley sixty Pounds nine Shillings and three Pence for repairing Musquets &c.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Thomas Conway 12 Cutlasses.

Copy of Letter N° 124 was sent to M[r] Richard Harrison, Martinico; and Copy of N° 125 to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds to pay Expresses &c. and that he render an Account of the Expenditure of the same.

Copy of Letter N° 126 was sent to Lieutenant Col. Ware.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieutenant Benjamin Brooks two hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of Captain John Gunby's Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the said Shore pay to Captain Thomas Woolford one hundred Pounds Currency.

The Council agrees with Jacob Schley of Frederick County, who is to supply 10 large Rifles carrying a Ball of four Ounces weight for a sum not exceeding fifteen Pounds each.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Harrison.] C. S. C. No. 124.

To M[r] Richard Harrison, Martinico

Sir: Capt Conway of the Sloop Molly will deliver you this. In the disposition of the Cargo you will please observe our former Instructions and send us any Returns by this Vessel you may have to make as she is a prime Sailer.

19th Ap[l] 1776

C. S. C. No. 125.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress

Gent[n]

We received the Hon[ble] M[r] Hancock's letter of the 16th Inst. yesterday Afternoon inclosing a Recommendation of Congress that we should immediately cause the Person and Papers of Governor Eden to be seised, and secured and convey such of the Papers as relate to the American Dispute, safely to Congress; and also the Person and Papers of A. Ross and to transmit the letter likewise to Congress. Previous to our Receipt of the above we had fully investigated the Charge that the intercepted Letters imported, in which we conducted ourselves agreeable to what we wrote you by M[r] Green, and finally concluded the Affair with our Answer, a copy of which we now inclose you.

The extraordinary Manner of communicating the Intelligence by the Council of Safety of Virginia to us with the Behaviour of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore give us Cause to complain of the Indignity offered our Board, and we cannot suppress our Suspicion that matters have been concerted so as to preclude all Information which might otherwise have been laid before you from hence. The Letter from the Council of Safety of Virginia is dated the 7th Ins[t] and was conveyed thro' Baltimore to us on the 15th about 3 o'clock P. M. by four Gentlemen deputed by that Body to wait on us with it, whose Conduct was very disingenuous, and exceptionable, and the Resolves passed on the 16th We are at a loss otherwise to account for the Length of Time the Letter was passing from Williamsburg to us, and the Expedition with which the Dispatch appears to have been transmitted from Baltimore to Philadelphia. The instructions given Cap[t] Sam[l] Smith by the Committee of Baltimore and those given by Captain Nicholson to his Lieutenant, copies of which we likewise send you; the Originals came into our Hands accidentally, and the whole of the Proceedings of the Baltimore Committee were kept from us. Whence this unmerited Treatment has sprung we cannot conceive, as we ever most chearfully co-operated and assisted the Colony of Virginia in such Measures as we could justify from our Situation, and have always considered the Interest and Security of Baltimore as essential to this Province, and acted correspondently with those Ideas—reflecting upon these Circumstances and being fully persuaded the Congress would have determined differently if they had been furnished with the same Evidence upon which we proceeded—we cannot but hope they will rest satisfied with what we have done—more especially as a Convention is

shortly to be held, and we are firmly persuaded the Governor c. s. c.
will not stir from his Station or do any Thing to disturb the Peace of the Province between this Time and the Meeting of that Body. We consider the Congress as having the supreme Authority over the Continent and look up to them with Reverence and Esteem, but that they cannot interfere with uncontroulable Power in the internal Polity of this or any other Province, and herein we are supported by the Resolves of the late Convention—if unhappily however they do not approve our Conduct we are determined to call a Convention with all convenient Speed and lay our whole Transactions before them, that they may judge of the Propriety of what we have done.

We omitted informing you before that the Governor assured us on his Honour, that he had received no other Letters from the Ministry at Home but those he delivered to us and of which we have heretofore sent you Copies: he has also given us leave to search all his Papers if we think proper. We are not convinced that he has carried on any Correspondence with the Ministry unfriendly to America; if on Suspicion only we seize the Head of the Civil Government all Commissions of Magistrates, Sheriffs and other Offices flowing from him must be at an end, and the Council of Safety have no Power to fill the Vacancy—the convention have this Power inherent in them as Representatives of the People, they have not communicated it to us, that we can find—on seizing the Governor therefore the Convention ought to be immediately called together to take the State & Condition of the Province into their Consideration, and make Provision for the civil department. If you recommend calling it earlier than the 27th we shall pay due attention to the Day you fix on—we have done every Thing in our power to promote the Interest and Peace of the Province, and are firmly persuaded that if this Storm blows over, that we shall continue to enjoy quiet some Time longer, if not the whole Campaign; and perhaps before another, all will be settled happily.

We write to the President by this Opportunity, and we think ourselves fortunate in having W. P. with us and approving of all we have done, and we doubt not you would have acted in Substance as we have done, had you been here on the Spot. Our Council consisting of D. J. C. C. J. H. B. R. and J. L. were unanimous in their Opinion, and if we are suffered to go on our own Way all will end as it should do—if on the other hand the Governor is treated with Ignominy and Rigour and laid under Arrest and guarded &^{c} we cannot tell what will be the Consequence—this we are certain of our Government will be shaken to its very Foundations, and in what Form it would be settled again we know not. A. Ross was taken by our

C. S. C. Order last Monday and brought before us yesterday, but as we had not then Time to enquire particularly into his Offence we deferred it until we had little more Leisure and committed him to the Custody of a Guard; if upon Examination he should discover any Thing which we may apprehend will be of Service, we will immediately disclose it to you—we should have been glad to have had a Line from you by the Express, we have received the Money-Plates &c.

N. B. A. Ross was represented in the Letter to the Baltimore Committee as inimical to America, but not a Word said of him in that addressed to us—we inclose you Copies of a letter from J. R. & R. A. and our Passport in consequence thereof.

No. 126. [Council to Ware.]

Sir.

We are in Hopes that by this Time your Family are much better than they were when you left us. Your Attendance is become necessary, we want you to take the Command at Baltimore Town; Colº Smallwood is so unwell, that Major Price cannot be spared from hence.

18th Apl 1776

C. S. J. Saturday 20 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commissions issued to Alexander McFadon appointed 1st Lieutenant, John Peter, 2d Lieutenant, and Edward Gale Ensign of Captain Thomas Richardson's Company of Militia in the lower District of Frederick County.

Also to Joseph Smith appointed Colonel of the 36th Battalion in the Room of Samuel Beall who resigned, Richard Davis, Lieutenant Colonel, Charles Swearingen 1 Major, and Christian Orendorff 2d Major of said Battalion.

Also to John Reynolds appointed Captain of a Company of Militia in the Upper District of Frederick County in the Room of Christian Orendorff appointed second Major of the 36th Battalion, Abraham Baker first Lieutenant and Christopher Orendorff second Lieutenant of said Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. John Steell thirty seven Pounds nineteen Shillings and six Pence for 51 Blankets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Jacob Schley fifty Pounds on Account of his Contract for Rifles.

Ordered That Mr George Lux Clerk of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22d Instant and bring with him the Proceedings of the said Committee in Consequence of Copies of intercepted Letters from Lord George Germain to Robert Eden Esqr Deputy Governor of Maryland which were transmitted to them by the Honble the Committee of Safety of Virginia and also all Resolves, Orders, Instructions, Requisitions, Letters, Papers, and Writings relative to, or concerning the same, which now are in his Possession, or were delivered to him as Clerk of the said Committee of Baltimore. C. S. J.

The Governor having desired Messrs Charles Carroll, John Hall, James Tilghman and William Paca would attend him at 10 O'Clock this morning, they waited on him accordingly; and he delivered them the Original in his own Hand-Writing of which the following is a Copy.

"Saturday Morning"

"Gentlemen,

I took the Liberty of sending for you this morning and hope the Motive of my so doing, will not be disagreeable. Your polite Behaviour to me and the Confidence you have reposed in me, which evinces your good Opinion of my Past and present Conduct, deserve the best Return I can make; I see that your personal Safety and future Respect from your Constituents are involved in my meriting that Opinion, and not disgracing that Confidence, therefore what you could not, by Requisition however respectful, or your Representation of probably a more disagreeable Proceeding, obtain from me, my Parole not to leave the Province till the Convention met, I voluntarily now give you, as your Conduct towards me justly entitles you to it."

Mr Allen Quynn was appointed Messenger to the Council.

Ordered That Mr Samuel Purviance junior Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22d Instant.

Ordered That Mr William Lux Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22d Instant.

Ordered That Alexander Ross be brought before the Council at 3 O'Clock in the Afternoon

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Mr Benjamin Harwood acknowledges before the Council to

C. S. J. have received £5000 Currency from the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore in Consequence of an order for that Purpose.

Alexander Ross, according to Order, was brought before the Council and examined; and after Examination was remanded back in Custody of Captain Adams; And thereupon, Ordered That the said Alexander Ross deliver to Colonel Smallwood's Order all and singular his Papers of what Sort soever now at Daniel Grant's Tavern in Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Officer appointed to bring Alexander Ross's Papers from Baltimore Town have full Power to take Possession of the said Ross's Portmanteau and all the Papers lodged with Mr Grant, and to convey the same to the Council.

Adjourned till Monday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Ross to Council.]

Gentlemen: I have by your orders been in close confinement since last Wednesday morning, during which time, I have had feelings far beyond the Power of expression: Altho I am yet ignorant of the charge you have against me, I am persuaded nothing can appear, that was not more the effect of necessity than inclination, my wish therefore, is to be heard by you as soon as possible, when I doubt not you will act, and determine for me, with that temper and moderation which has hitherto been the result of your deliberations I doubt not of convincing you that my plan of life had been long settled before this unhappy affair, and that my Views were very different to what I am charged with: Maryland has always been my favorite Province, and it has always had my warmest & best wishes, and if I may be believed, I did it all the little service in my power while with Lord Dunmore.

You will be pleased to forgive me for troubling you at this time as your own feelings will point out my necessity: I am with respect,

Gentlemen your very hum^l^ Servant,

Annapolis 20th Ap^l^ 1776. Alex^r^ Ross

Original. [Extract from Proceedings of Baltimore Committee.]

At a Meeting of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County

14 April 1776 P. M.

Present Saml Purviance Chairman
William Lux Vice Chairman

John Smith, W. Buchanan, T. Harrison, J. Boyd,
B. Nicholson, J. Sterrett, J. Calhoun

An Express having arrived from Virginia with a Paquet directed to this Committee Inclosing a Letter to The Honble Council of Safety of this Province with a Letter to The Hon^l^ John Hancock Member of the Congress at Phil^a^ and a Letter from the Hon^l^ Council of Safety of Virg^a^ to this Committee of which the following is a Copy.

Williamsburg 6 April 1776.

Gentlemen

We could not suffer a moment to pass before we transmitted the Inclosed Copies of intercepted Letters addrest by the Secretary of State to the Governor of your Province, which open the Schemes of Administration to us in a more explicit Manner than any other Intelligence we have been able to procure.

We wish you to transmitt Copies of these Letters to Congress without Delay

I am, For & by Order of the Committee of Safety of Virginia

Gent^n^ Y^r^ Most Obed^t^ Hum^l^ Servt

John Page V. P.

N. B. A certain Mr Alexander Ross, who was refused a Permission by this Committee, has been on board, Lord Dunmore's Ship, and was the Person entrusted with the care of the enclosed Letters; he has escaped from us, but as we think him a Person inimical to the American Cause, he ought to be apprehended

J. P. V. P.

[Letters from Lord George Germain, printed on page 344.]

The Committee on maturely considering the same, and esteeming the Information given in the said Letters as highly Interesting to American Freedom Unanimously Resolved, That they be sent off to the Congress, & that Major Gist be requested to permit an Officer to carry the same.

Major Gist, being accordingly applied to, ordered Lieutenant David Plunket on that Service, and directed him to attend the Committee for his Orders, which he did, and the preceding Letters with one from this Com. to The Hon^l^ John Hancock were delivered him, of which the following is a Copy.

In Committee Baltimore 14 April 1776
10 °Clock P. M.

Hon[l] Sir

The Inclosed Copies of Letters were just now received by our Committee by Express from the Council of Safety of Virginia with Desire that they might be forwarded to you instantly. Indeed we think, they contain matters of too much Importance to have been delayed a Moment. In consequence whereof we have prevailed on our Commanding Officer here to appoint M[r] David Plunket a Lieutenant, in whose Prudence and Industry we can rely to wait on you with this, And if your Honourable Body should think it necessary to take any Steps, or give any Instructions to the Council of Safety on the Occasion, he will wait your Commands.

We have the Honor to be with greatest Respect

Hon[l] Sir, Your most Obed[t] Serv[t]

Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r] Ch[n] — John Smith
Will[m] Lux Dep[y] Ch[n] — John Boyd
Tho[s] Harrison — Ja[s] Calhoun
Benj[a] Nicholson — Jno. Sterrett
W[m] Buchanan

The Committee then resumed the Consideration of the Council of Safety of Virg[as] Letter, and Resolved thereon, that M[r] John Smith, Capt[n] Benj[a] Nicholson, and Capt[n] John Sterrett, three of their members do wait upon the Council of Safety at Annapolis early tomorrow morning with the Packet directed to them, as they think it of too much Importance to be trusted by a Common Express, and that they carry with them the Letters above referred to in order to lay them before the Council of Safety, lest their Packet might not contain the same Intelligence, and that they take with them M[r] Jere Townley Chase one of the Committee, who is now in Annapolis.

Wednesday Evening 17th April 1776.

Present, Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r] Chairman
W[m] Buchanan, John Boyd Tho[s] Harrison, Benj[a] Nicholson
Ja[s] Calhoun, John Sterrett, Jere. Townley Chace.

The Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to go to Annapolis returned and reported, that they had delivered the Paquet to the Council of Safety, and also, as was directed, laid before them the Letters from Virginia, and that the Council of Safety had given them the following Copy of their Proceedings

In Council of Safety Annapolis 17 April 1776

The Governour has given the Council Satisfaction from under his Hand, that he will not leave the Province till the Meeting of the Convention: And that he will use his Endeavours to promote the Peace thereof, while he stays

(Copy) G. Duvall Clk.

Thursday Morning 18 April 1776

The Committee met. Present Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r] Chairman

And Buchanan John Smith Tho[s] Harrison John Sterrett
W[m] Buchanan John Boyd Benj[n] Nicholson Ja[s] Calhoun.
Jere. Townly Chace

Lieutenant Plunket returned from Philadelphia and brought a Letter from The Hon[l] John Hancock Esq[r] President of the Continental Congress to this Committee, of which the following is a Copy.

Phil[a] 16 April 1776

Gentlemen

I received & immediately communicated to Congress your Letter of the 14th Ult[o] with the Important Papers enclosed. In Consequence of which the Congress have Resolved, that the Person and Papers of Governour Eden be immediately siezed by the Committee of Safety, to whom I write by this Opportunity. The Person mentioned in the enclosed Resolution (M[r] Alexander Ross) is represented as a dangerous Partizan of Administration, who has lately been with Lord Dunmore, and it is suggested, is on his way to the Indian Country to execute the execrable Designs of our Enemies. I have no Doubt, but you will exert your utmost Endeavours in siezing & securing him

I am with Respect Gent[n] Y[r] most obed[t] Serv[t]
John Hancock Pres[t]

To The Hon[l] Committee of Baltimore County

P. S. You will please not to make Publick mention of the Resolution respecting Governor Eden, until the Com. of Safety have executed it

Lieut[t] Plunket also brought a Letter from the Hon[l] Continent[l] Congress to the Council of Safety at Annapolis, which was sent to them by Express by John Oumsetter

Agreeable to the Intimation contained in the Resolution of Congress just received by Lieut[t] Plunkett respecting M[r] A. Ross and his Papers, Mess[rs] Tho[s] Harrison, John Smith, &

Benjn Nicholson were ordered to enquire for and secure said Ross's Papers, which they accordingly did, and report, that Mr Grant informed them, the said Papers were deposited in a Closet in his House, which he shewed to them, and which these Gentlemen then sealed up without seeing or examining said Papers.

In Congress 15 April 1776

Resolved, That the Council of Safety of Maryland be requested to cause the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross to be immediately siezed and secured, and that the Papers be sent safely to Congress

And to prevent the said Alexander Ross having any Opportunity to escape Resolved, That the like Request be made to the Committees of Observation for Baltimore and Frederick Counties in Maryland, in one of which Counties the said Ross now probably is

(Extract from the Minutes) Chas Thompson Sec^{y}

In Congress. Ordered to be transmitted to the Committee of Baltimore. John Hancock Presid^{t}

Please to convey a Copy to the Committee of Frederick

A Copy of said Resolution of Congress was also sent to the Committee of Frederick County by the Post,

At a Meeting of the Committee 20 April 1776.

Present William Lux Chairman
Ja^{s} Calhoun Wm Buchanan John Smith John Merryman.
Benj. Griffith Thos Harrison John Boyd

The Committee being informed, that certain Instructions were given by Mr Saml Purviance as Chairman to Capt Saml Smith, which did not appear on their minutes, they sent for Capt Smith & requested him to attend the Committee with the Instructions he had received, he accordingly attended and produced them, and they are as follows.

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The Committee then enquired of the Members present, whether either of them had concurred in the said Instructions, and on each of their Declaration, that they had not, they sent for Mr Purviance & desired he would inform them, who of the Committee were present, when the said Instructions were given, & that he would give his Answer in Writing. Mr Purviance accordingly came to the Committee and verbally declared, that he had not consulted any one Person of the

Committee on the Subject, but that he had given the said Instructions himself, that he exculpated the Committee from all Censure on that Account, and that he would give his Answer in Writing to that effect on Monday morning

Monday 22 April 1776. The Committee met.

Present, William Lux Chairman

J. Moale	W. Buchanan	C. Ridgely (of W^{m})	J. Calhoun
J. Smith	T. Harrison	J. E. Howard	J. Cradock
J. Boyd	J. Merryman	J. Gittings	G. Risteau
D. Lux	W. Wilkinson	W. Tolly Junr	T. Sollers
T. Gist	And^{w} Buchanan	W. Asquith	J. Sterrett
A. Britton			Js. Griest

Mr Saml Purviance appeared and delivered in the following Answer in Writing agreeable to his Promise on Saturday

April 22, 1776

Gentlemen

Agreeable to my Declaration to the Committee at last Meeting the 20th Ins^{t} that I exculpated all the Members of the Committee from any Concern in the Orders, which I gave as Chairman of the Committee to Capt Saml Smith the 14th Ins^{t} I am now to inform you the Circumstances of that Affair, & the Reasons on which I ventured to give those orders

The Dispatches reced from the Council of Virginia, with a Letter written by General Lee & directed to me as Chairman of this Committee, I considered as sufficient Reasons to justify the Committee in using their best Endeavours to sieze Governor Eden, his Secretary and Mr Alexander Ross, should they or either of them be found attempting to escape from Annapolis; a Suspicion founded on the certain Knowledge, that Mr Ross had gone from this to Annapolis a few days before, and that it was highly probable, he would alarm the Governor with the Account of the Secretary of States Letters to Govr Eden being siezed & taken from him on his way up from Lord Dunmore. On considering those Papers at my House on Sunday Evening, it seemed to be the general opinion of the Gentlemen there assembled, that if Capt Nicholson's Tender was here, it would be proper to dispatch her with some Men to Annapolis to wait the orders of the Council of Safety. On Monday morning I was informed, that Capt James Nicholson was returned in his Tender from Chester: on which I sent for him and communicated to him the Purport of the Dispatches received from the Council of Virg^{a} and Genl Lee's Letter, and told him the Sentiments of the Gentlemen who met at my House the Evening before, that it would be

proper to send his Tender with an Officer & some men to Annapolis, observing to him, that if the Governor had made his Escape from Annapolis, she would be the properest Vessell to pursue after him, as she could both row & sail. Capt Nicholson agreeing with me in the Propriety of the measure he consented at my Request to get his Boat ready for the Purpose, and to send one of his Officers in her. As I could not attend the Committee that day, I spoke to most of the Gentlemen, who had been at my House the Evening before, and to Genl Buchanan, and told them, I had spoke to Capt Nicholson for his Tender, which measure they all approved of. I accordingly applied to Major Gist, to whom the Dispatches from Virg^{a} had been shewn, and obtained his Consent to let Capt Saml Smith with a few Men of his Company go in the Tender to Annapolis.

Capt Saml Smith accordingly met me in the street just at Dinner Time, told me he was ready to go, and waited for Orders. I had not thought before on the Propriety of Orders. The Committee was then broke up for Dinner, and consequently I had no opportunity of consulting them immediately; and for the Sake of Secrecy which so important a Business required, I thought it improper to communicate the matter to any others, than the Gentlemen who had seen the Papers already, of whom three were gone off to Ann^{s} to wait on the Council, Mr Wm Buchanan had rode out of Town, & Mr Wm Lux & Mr Harrison, with whom I had engaged to dine that day, were gone out of Town. In these Circumstances I sat down & without the Concurrence or Advice of any Person wrote very hastily those Orders, which I delivered to Major Gist, & which I signed as Chairman of the Committee.

I do candidly acknowledge to you, I had my own Doubts whether I was to consider Genl Lee's Letter directed to me as Chair^{n} of the Com. as a private Letter to myself, or as a Letter to the Committee: Yet the Contents of it together with the Dispatches reced from the Council of Virg^{a} I considered as a sufficient Call upon me & every Person well affected to the Interests of America to use the best Endeavours to sieze Persons, of whom there were such strong Reasons to believe their being inimical.

I hope, Gentlemen, the Circumstances I have mentioned, which are all strictly true, and the extreme Importance of the Occasion will at least palliate my offence in taking (what may be deemed by some) a very rash Step; but which I hope the Necessity of the Case will justify me in to you & the Publick.

I am Gentlemen y^{r} most Obed^{t} Servt
Sam Purviance Junr

To the Committee of Observation for
Baltimore County

Which being read Resolved That this Committee do highly disapprove of the Chairmans Conduct in presuming to Act in any matter, without their Concurrence & Approbation, especially in Things, that so evidently do not come within their Jurisdiction. And with Regard to the Instructions given to Capt Saml Smith upon a late Pressing occasion, though the necessity of the Case may be urged as an Apology for them, yet this Committee always willing to move in the strictest Line of Duty, and desirous to preserve due Subordination and Order in the Community, do totally disavow and disapprove of them, knowing that the Power necessary in such cases is not vested in this Committee; But nevertheless we are fully persuaded, that the Chairman in issuing these Orders was actuated only by that uniform warm and zealous Attachment to our distressed and perhaps betrayed Country, which otherwise would have merited the Thanks of every spirited Friend of our Invaded Rights; And we trust, this well meant Excess in so interesting a Crisis will find a more easy Pardon with his vigilant Countrymen, than if he had been chargeable with a criminal neglect, or with a Timidity still more dangerous and blameable.

Lieutenant William Sterrett appeared before the Committee and produced an Order from the Council of Safety for taking into his Possession the Portmanteau & Papers of Mr Alexander Ross, and convey the same to Annapolis to the Council of Safety, on which Mr Thomas Harrison and Dr John Boyd were appointed to proceed to Mr Grants and examine the Seal of the Door, they returned and report, that the Seal was perfect, and the Papers and Effects were delivered according to order.

The following Citations were produced before this Committee

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776

Ordered, That Mr Samuel Purviance Junr Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22^{d} Instant.

By Order, G. Duvall Clk

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776

Ordered, That Mr William Lux, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22^{d} Instant.

By order, G. Duvall Clk.

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776.

Ordered, That Mr George Lux, Clerk of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22d Inst and bring with him the Proceedings of the said Committee in consequence of Copies of Intercepted Letters from Lord George Germaine to Robert Eden Esqr Deputy Governour of Maryland, which were transmitted to them by the Honourable The Committee of Safety of Virginia: and also all Orders, Resolves, Instructions, Requisitions, Letters, Papers, and Writings relative to, or concerning the same, which now are in his Possession, or were delivered to him as Clerk of the said Committee of Baltimore.

By Order, G. Duvall Clk.

Upon which Mr Samuel Purviance Junr Chairman, and Mr William Lux Deputy Chairman of this Committee applied for their Advice and Instructions therein, it was judged expedient, that they obey the said Citation but the Committee are at the same Time of Opinion, that the Powers vested in the Council of Safety do not justify the summoning any Member of this Committee to appear before them, unless they have been guilty of, or are charged with high and dangerous Offences tending to disunite the People of this Province in their present Opposition or to destroy the Liberties of America.

Mr George Lux Clerk to this Committee, produced a Summons from the Council of Safety for his Attending them with Sundry Proceedings of this Committee on certain matters therein mentioned. Resolved, That he be permitted to take Copies of the said Proceedings, and Repair therewith to the Council of Safety, if he thinks proper

Extract from the Minutes
Geo Lux Clk

Original.

[William Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 21 April 1776.

Gentlemen. I have received an order by Mr Quin to attend your Honorable Board tomorrow which I should very willingly obey, But as our Committee is to meet for the purpose of laying Taxes on Non-Associators, and we have appointed the attendance of all our Members I presume to hope it will plead my excuse for deferring it till Tuesday when you shall be waited on by Gentn Your most obedt Servt

Willm Lux

Monday 22d April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Smyth attended.

Captain Kell having resigned the Command of the Schooner Dolphin, Duncan Hill was admitted and sworn Captain and desired to advert to the Instructions heretofore given Capt Kell and to govern himself by them.

The following Lines were addressed to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia, at the Foot of the Instructions (vizt)

"The Council of Safety return many Thanks to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia for their friendly Assistance heretofore to Capt Kell, and as he has resigned the Command, request the Continuance of their Favour and Advice to Captain Duncan Hill."

Captain John Allen Thomas has Leave to procure leathern Caps for his independent Company instead of Hats.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt George Stricker fifty one pounds Eighteen Shillings for 102 Pair of Shoes and the Waggonage of them to Annapolis.

Resolved That there be a Convention of the Delegates of this Province held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 7th of May next.

Copies of Letter N° 127 were sent to the Delegates in Convention for each County and District within the Province respectively, and Copy of N° 128 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain John Allen Thomas 13 Musquets, 4 Rifles 6 Musquet Bullet Moulds, 4 Rifle ditto, and 5½ Bolts of Osnaburgs.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Allen Thomas for Capt. Rezin Beall's independent Company 29 Musquets, 4 Rifles, Powder Horns Pouches and bullet Moulds, 6 Musquet Bullet Moulds, 300 Gun Flints, 100 Gun Slings, 62 Cartouch Boxes and Belts, 104 Hats and 5 Bolts of Osnaburgs.

Ordered That Capt John Allen Thomas be requested to purchase all the Buck Shot he can procure in Saint Mary's County.

Ordered That Col. Joshua Beall be requested to send 4 Barrels and 20 Keggs of Musquet Gunpowder out of the Gunpowder now in his Possession to the Committee of Observation for Charles County; and 35 Musquets from John Youst, in a covered Waggon under a Guard of a commissioned Officer and two Privates of Militia; the 35 Musquets for Captain Rezin Beall's Company.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Charles

C. S. J. County be requested to convey 1 Barrel and 10 Kegs of the Gun Powder, to be sent them by Col. Joshua Beall, to the Committee of Observation for St Mary's County; and 1 Barrel and 10 Kegs of the same Powder to the Committee of Calvert County; Also 600 lb Lead to the Committee of St Mary's County, and 600 lb Lead to the Committee of Calvert County, for the use of the said Counties.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 127. [Circular of Council to Delegates in Convention.]

To the Delegates in Convention.

Gent^{n}

Very urgent Affairs of the Province require your attendance in Convention, We therefore earnestly request you would meet personally at Annapolis on Tuesday the 7th of May next, at which Time we have determined a Convention ought to be held.

22^{d} April 1776

No. 128. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent^{n}

You have our Thanks for the Anxiety you express on our Accounts, if the Thanks of such blackened insulted (but we think injured) Characters are worth your Acceptance. We must say that if the same Justice were done to us, that we would do unto others in similar Circumstances, a Copy of the anonymous Letter you mention traducing our Reputations would not have been refused us by the Congress—for we sincerely declare to you and the World, that were we in possession of any Paper reflecting in so gross a Manner on that or any other respectable Body on the Continent, we should think it unjust and ungentlemanly to withhold it from them, and by thus secreting prevent the Discovery of the Author of so foul a Calumny, and shelter him from the Censure, not to say, Punishment he deserves.

We wrote you fully in our two last Letters, and sent Copies of all such Papers as we thought material—the Governor voluntarily gave us his Parole in the fullest Manner, and has since confirmed it by Letter, assuring us that he will not leave the Province 'till the Convention sets; we are firmly persuaded he will not stir, or do any Thing against the Peace thereof—he also assured us in the most explicit Terms, that he had

received no other Letters from the Ministry but what he gave us up and which we sent you Copies of; We examined his Bureau and Closet and found several Letters in them from him to Administration and his Friends in England wherein he represents this Province in a favorable Point of View. C. S. C.

We were not without our Suspicions that a Plan had been concerted by the two Persons you mention, and have determined, if possible, to get to the Bottom of it—and for that Purpose on Saturday last, before the Receipt of your Express, issued our Order to Mr Samuel Purviance Chairman, Mr Wm Lux, Deputy Chairman, and Mr George Lux Clerk of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, to appear before us this Day, and to bring with them all the Proceedings, papers, Letters, orders, Entries, Instructions &^c^ relative to the intercepted Letters—we are resolved to have a full and open Examination of the Affair and shall then cheerfully submit our Conduct to the Public.

We consider the Authority of the whole Province trampled upon and insulted (if not conspired against) and having your Letters holding forth the same Sentiment, we have thought it advisable, as we know not to what Lengths this Matter may be carried, to call a Convention to be held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the seventh of May next, at which Time we shall be glad to see all the Gentlemen-Deputies, that can be spared from Congress. We shall endeavour to have all our Proceedings ready to lay before them on the first Day of their Meeting, and shall submit to them whether our Conduct has been either timid, inactive, or in any other particulars unjustifiable.

Our Proceedings with the Governor are such, as are in our Opinions in every Respect defensible; we are convinced from his Declarations and Answers & from his Manner of behaving to us, that he will not leave the Province. little Minds might have been gratified with actual Imprisonment and further Severities, but we do not imagine the Congress meant any such Outrage on Humanity. We have all the Advantages we could have had, if we had committed him to the public Goal, and we are persuaded many more. Nobody can believe that we are courting the Governor at present: 'tis the Peace and Happiness of the Province we wish to preserve, and we are persuaded that it will be best done by keeping up the ostensible Form of our Chartered Constitution. We feel for you; the Insult offered by Mr Hancock in not admitting you to his Presence must have been grating—our Province is the Object of Attention, and we are to be plunged into all the Horrors of Anarchy, only to gratify a few individuals out of Congress. However we shall still persevere in doing our Duty with

C. S. C. unremitting Zeal, and not fail to assist our Neighbours, if necsary;—and upon the whole, after again repeating our Thanks, permit us to assure you that we are persuaded, when our Transactions come to be fully canvassed, and the true Interest of this Province considered, that you will have no Occasion to blush for our Conduct.

N. B. We have received the surgeon's instruments &c and delivered them safe to Doctor Weisenthal.

22d Apl. 1776

Original. [Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Apl 22d 1776.

Gentlemen, of the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland. I have now to inform you of the armed Schooner Resolution being equiped agreeable to your directions she wants principally the Commissions for her officers, who refuse acting out of the Harbour until their commissions are confirm'd. After which shoud be glad of your permission to go down the Bay as far as you think proper, in order to exercise our men & Consult with Cap. Boucher. The Schooner has about 40 hands now shipt, but is capable of carrying 70 with great Conveniency. If you think proper to have that number compleat you'll please to let me know The officers that has been acting aboard are William Waud Cap. Henry Auchinlick Lieut Bennett Johnson Master, and as far as I can discover are proper persons. Mr Dorsey one of the ships midshipmen I understand has made application for a Lieutenancy of marines, I think him very capable. I am Gentn with much sincerity.

Your oblidged Humble Servt to Command:

Jas Nicholson

Original. [Young to Council.]

Baltimore 22d April 1776.

Gentn I have the pleasure of advising you the safe arrival of the Brign Beith in the W. I. the 3d Ulto without any interruption. I sent you by Mr Lux a letter for you from him but have learnt that he forgot it I suppose he has sent it since his return.

I am sorry to advise you the loss of the Brign Nancy Capt Wise somewhere in the Bay a few days ago, I have not recd any letter from him but have it from a Gentn from the Eastern Shore of undoubted authority & believe it to be a fact. it appears from the care Captn Wise has taken that it is merely

impossible for any vessel to pass our Ravenous Enemies, however if you think the Schooner Ninety has any Chance you will please give the Committee orders to allow me to load her as her Cargo is all ready. If you think otherwise I shall be glad to know what I am to do with the Cargo. I shall be much obliged for a few lines on this subject by the first opportunity. I am gent^{n} y^{r} most obedt.

Hble Servt Hugh Young.

[Queen Anne's Committee to Council.] C. S. C.

Queen Anns County. By the Committee of observation April 22^{d} 1776. Captn George Noble Sweat having under an especial order of this Committee returned a list of a Company of Militia in Wye, Whereby it appears that the said George Noble Sweat, is chosen Captain Nehemiah Noble first Lieutenant, James Bartlet second Lieutenant & Thomas Duffer Ensign of the said Company, and that there are in the said Company four serjeants, four corporals & fifty two privates. The above officers are recommended to the Council of Safety for Commissions.

Signed p order Committee. Sol^{o} Wright chairman

Tuesday 23^{d} April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Col. John Veazey returns to the Council £500 in Bills of Credit of this Province which we sent him by Capt Robert Craig on the 14th Day of February last, for the Purpose of purchasing Gunpowder.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain John Allen Thomas twenty eight Pounds fourteen Shillings and five Pence being the Ballance of his general Account to the third of April.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas three hundred and ninety four Pounds one Shilling and eight Pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That Mr Athanasius Ford of St Mary's County pay to Capt John Allen Thomas twenty seven Pounds seven Shillings and six Pence for so much Money paid him over and above the just Amount of his Account on the 12th Instant.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Thomas ½ a Ream of Cartridge paper and 10 pieces of Check.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

C. S. J. Alexander Ross was brought before the Council in Custody of Captain Peter Adams, reexamined and remanded back in Custody as aforesaid.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood detach a commissioned Officer to arrest Samuel Purviance junr Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, William Lux Deputy Chairman and George Lux Clerk of said Committee where-ever they may be found in the Province of Maryland; and that the said Officer bring the said Samuel Purviance Junior, William Lux and George Lux to the Council of Safety at Annapolis under a sufficient Guard.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Baltimore County Committee to Council.]

In Committee of observation of Baltº County 23 April 1776.

Gentlemen. This Committee on the late alarm appointed Mr Robert Purviance, Mr David Stewart and Capt George Woolsey to superintend the fitting of the schooner Resolution as a Tender, or armed vessel for Capt. Nicholson as they have nearly compleated her and are in advance a considerable sum, You will please to furnish them with six or eight hundred pounds as is convenient.

We are Gentn Your most humbl Servts.

Willm Lux V. Chn	Jnº Smith
And. Buchanan	Jas Calhoun
Jno. Boyd	Walter Tolly Junr
Darby Lux	Thomas Harrison
Jas. Gittings	Wm Buchanan

Original. [Johnson to Jenifer.]

Phila 23d April 1776

Dr Sir. Mr Wallace & Mr Green set off tomorrow morning by one of them we intend to write you fully but as the post may possibly be in before these Gent we think it necessary to advise you that all your Deputies here from Maryland approve the conduct of the Council of Safety and resolve to support it. the letter to the president gave high Offence to some of the very hot Gent no Resolution is yet formed on it but probably will to day. R. A. & T. S. join in respects to you & yr Brethern.

I am dr Sir, Your very affect Servt

Th. Johnson Junr

[Geo. Lux to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore 23 April 1776.

Hon[l] Sir. I have been unwell for ten days past, nay have been most of the time confined to my Bed with a Fever, of which I am not yet well enough recruited to venture upon a ride to Annapolis. I hope the Hon[l] Council of Safety will excuse my non-attendance for the above reasons I was confined to my bed at the time our Com[e] reced the letters referred to in my Citation, and heard nothing of it till Sunday morning. I have agreeable to the Order of your Hon[l] Board, copied the Papers referred to in your Summons, your Hon. Board, will excuse the Incorrectness, with which they are copied, as it is caused solely by my sickness, for I am at this moment hardly able to hold my pen :

I am with respect: Hon[l] Sir y[r] most obed[t] Serv[t] Geo. Lux.

To the Hon[l] Dan[l] of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Esq[r] Pres[t] of the Co. of Safety at Annap[s]

Wednesday 24 April 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

M[r] William Lux in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant appeared before the Council and delivered to them an attested Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County in Consequence of intercepted Letters from Lord George Germain to Robert Eden Esq[r] Deputy Governor of Maryland, which were transmitted to them by the Honble Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met accordingly.

M[r] Hands attended.

M[r] Samuel Purviance Jun[r] Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant appeared before the Council, and was informed by the President that, Instructions of a very extraordinary nature from him as Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County to Cap[t] Samuel Smith and other Matters of great Importance had come to the Knowledge of the Committee of Safety, for which they had thought proper to call him before them to answer the Charge which they imported.

The Instructions were then read in Presence of M[r] Purviance, and are as follow.

" Sir

You are requested by the Gentlemen of the Committee to proceed in Cap[t] Nicholson's Tender with any Officer he may

C. S. J. send to assist you and such a number of armed men as may be necessary, and therewith proceed as speedily as possible for Annapolis.

Should you before you get there meet the Governor's Boat or Barge, you must by all Means endeavour to board her. And in Case Governor Eden, his Secretary Mr Smith, or Mr Alexander Ross are found on Board, you are by all means to seize their Persons and Papers and instantly return with them under the strictest Guard to Baltimore, for doing which you may depend on being protected and justified by the Committee and held blameless. In Case you should not meet such Boat or Persons, you'll please to proceed immediately to Annapolis and use every Precaution to prevent Alarm by obliging the men not appear in numbers on Deck, and causing the Boat to ly at Distance, whilst you go ashore with the Letter delivered you for the Gentlemen of Baltimore Committee who may be at Annapolis, whose Directions you'll please to follow after your Arrival there. You'll please to take Blunderbusses and any Qnt^y^ you see necessary of Arms out of Capt Nicholson's Vessel which he will readily furnish. Please to consult in every thing with the Officer w^h^ Capt Nicholson sends with you and let your measures be kept as secret as possible from the Men at least until it comes to the Execution. I am Sir on Behalf of the Comm

Your very hb^l^ Servt
Sam. Purviance jun^r^ Chair.

To Capt Sam. Smith. Balt. 14 Ap^l^ 1776.

On the Back of the above Instructions was thus indorsed to wit,

"Sir,

You will take Care to proceed with what Number of men you may think necessary out of your Company, agreeable to the annexed Instructions. Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous Voyage, am yours truly

M Gist

To Capt Saml Smith. 16 Ap^l^ 1776.

Mr Purviance was then examined concerning said Instructions and other matters, and his Examination taken in Writing, (a Copy whereof is filed.) He was told by the President he might be furnished from the Clerk with a Copy of his Examination in Order that he might explain such of his answers as he thought proper.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Daniel and Sam. Hughes two hundred Pounds Currency.

Ordered That Captain James Nicholson Major Mordecai Gist and Captain Samuel Smith immediately attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis, and that the Clerk make out and deliver to the Messenger separate Copies to be served on them respectively. C. S. J.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

In Council of Safety. Annapolis Ap^{l} 24th 1776.

The examination of Mr William Lux deputy chairman of the Committee of observation for Balt^{o} County.

Q. Who made up and sealed the packet, that was sent to congress.

A. I did.

Q. Do you know what letters were contained in that Packett.

A. The letter of L^{d} G: Germaine, letter in Genl Lee's Hand writing to Jno Hancock, and a private letter to a Gentleman in Philadelphia but does not recollect who. the letter from the Committee of Safety of Virginia was inclosed in the Packett to Balt^{o} Com^{ee}

Q. Was the Packett to J. Hancock very large:

A. No, small.

Q. Did you deliver it to the Messenger:

A. I delivered it to M^{r} P[urviance] the let^{r} directed to C[ouncil] of S[afety] was inclosed to us. it had the seal nearly tore off in opening our let^{r} we des^{d} Gent^{n} app^{d} to wait on you, to explain the Cause. we went to Mr P. at 1 oClk. the Gent^{n} who was to go Mess^{r} to Phil^{a} was in Bed at Mr P. where we left let^{r} When I rec^{d} the packett, I did not open Genl Lee's let^{r} to Mr P.[urviance]

Q. Did you know of any verbal or written Inst^{ns} given to Captn N.

A. No. the 1st I heard of it, was at Annap^{s}

Q. Have not the powers of seizing the Govr been assumed by persons other than C[ouncil] of S[afety].

A. Not by Comm^{ee} of obs^{n} for Balt^{o} County.

Q. Have they not been assumed (generally)

A. They have.

Q. Have the Comm^{ee} of Balt^{o} any right to accuse C. S. of Timidity, inactivity or neglect of Duty.

A. No. the Comm^{ee} think y^{r} conduct meritorious.

Q. Had Gent^{n} of Balt^{o} Comm^{ee} that were delegated to wait on us any other commands or inst^{ns} than the delivery of let^{r} to C[ouncil] of S[afety].

A. None. they tho^{t} the delegation the most respectful mode of proceeding.

C. S. J. Q. Why send let[r] from Comm[ee] of S[afety] of V[irginia] to us by a deleg[n] and not M[r] Hancocks let[r]

A. The let[r] app[d] to be defaced & we sent persons upon that acc[t]

Q. How can you account for y[r] Gent[n] not shewing all your instructions.

A. They had no instructions. none were ever thought off.

A. Copy of the clause in the act (restraining Bill) of Parliament referred to by Lord George Germain: Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in order to encourage all well affected persons in any of the said colonies to exert themselves in suppressing the rebellion therein, and to afford a speedy protection to those who are disposed to return to their duty, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons appointed, and authorized by his majesty to grant a pardon or pardons to any number or description of persons by proclamation in his majestys name to declare any colony or province, colonies or provinces or any county town, Port, district, or place in any colony or province to be at the peace of his majesty:

In Council of Safety. Annapolis 24 April 1776.

Examination of M[r] Samuel Purviance junior Chairman of the Committee of observation for Baltimore County:

1. Q. You have a letter from General Lee directed to you as chairman of the Committee of observation for Balt[o] County, Will you produce it.

A. It is a doubt with me whether I can produce it in public with Honour. I will shew it to you in private:

2. Q. Do you refuse to produce that letter to us in council.

A. If I do, I expect a copy will not be taken.

3. Q. Will you produce it to the Council, Yea or nay.

A. Delivers it. The letter was read.

4. Q. Who made up the Packet to the Congress from your Committee.

A. M[r] Lux I believe, I was not present when it was done.

5. Q. What letters were in it:

A. I do not know. there were very few:

6. Q. Was there any other Packet sent to Congress.

A. Not that I know of.

7. Q. Do you know any thing of an anonymous letter inclosed to M[r] Hancock in the Packet:

A. No.

8. Q. Do you know of no anonymous letter or paper sent to Philadelphia.

A. I know of none:

9. Q. You know of no anonymous letter to the following purport (reading a recital of it) C. S. J.

A. No.

10. Q. Nothing in your hand writing to that purport.

A. I wrote a private letter in my own name, & signed therewith, to Mr Hancock as a private person, & which I desired he might not shew to congress, It was principally relative to the letter I rec^d^ from Genl Lee. I mentioned likewise to him that three Gent^n^ of our committee were to wait on the council next day with y^r^ dispatches received from Virginia; That I would gladly go as one; but that I had reason to believe I did not stand in a favourable light with the council, who I understood had taken great offence at a letter or order I had written to Capt Nicholson at the time the Otter was in our river. I likewise told him my opinion, that I did not expect or had doubts whether the Council would take so spirited a step as to seize the Governor, And the event proves I was not mistaken. I believe I likewise mentioned to him y^r^ design of sending y^r^ tender to Annap^s^ to prevent the Governor's escape should he attempt it. A measure which appeared to me strictly proper, both from y^r^ tenor of the Secretary of State letters & General Lee's letter to me:

11. Q. You know of nothing sent from you, representing yourself as an object against whom the Council of Safety had levelled their power.

A. I had good reason to know I was disliked by the Council, but never had any apprehensions of their power against me.

12. Q. Have you ever represented yourself as thought by the Council of Safety, a warm hotheaded man, & that your power must be pulled down, or you would throw things into confusion.

A. I was well informed I was considered in that light by y^r^ Council & I have mentioned it in conversation to many of my friends

13. Question repeated.

Makes no answer.

14. Q. The question was asked again, & Mr Purviance desired to recollect.

A. It is very possible I may have made such representations in letters written to some of my friends, as well as in private conversation.

15. Q. Were they inclosed in the Packet to Congress.

A. I never wrote the congress upon any such subject.

16. Q. How long has it been since you wrote such letters.

A. I cant say. I never wrote any thing with a view to prejudice the Council of Safety:

:. S. J. 17. Q. Were they written within a week past.

A. I believe not.

18. Q. Do you remember that you impressed Gen[l] Lee with an idea that the Council of Safety were timid & inactive:

A. General Lee seemed as well acquainted with public affairs in Mary[d] as I was: And it can't be doubted that we conversed on many public subjects. That I ever took pains to impress him with an ill opinion of the council I deny.

19. Q. Do you know of a single instance of inactivity in the Council of Safety with respect to Baltimore Town.

A. I do not know that I was called here to give my opinion of the Council of Safety, to their Faces But I know that I have heard many complaints, some of them perhaps I thought ill-founded: If I think otherwise of any other part of them I have a right to exercise my Judgment.

20. Q. Did we not give you the earliest intelligence on the late alarm.

A. You did every thing in your power. I have passed many encomiums on you for it, in private letters to my Friends.

21. Q. Did you not give instructions to Cap[t] Samuel Smith.

A. Yes.

22. Q. Were they under an oath of Secrecy.

A. They were not.

23. Q. Why was not Cap[t] Smith to consult the Council of Safety when he came to Annapolis:

A. It was my intention he should.

24. Q. Were his instructions to be shewn to the Council.

A. I did not tell him to shew them, but presumed when he got to Annapolis, he would be under their directions:

25. Q. Was Cap[t] Smith to consult the commanding officer and lay him under an oath of Secrecy:

A. I gave him no such orders, I expected he was to take directions from the Council.

26. Q. Did you expect the Governor was going down the Bay when you sent the tender:

A. My expectation was that the Governor would attempt to escape upon being informed his letters were intercepted, otherwise I should not have sent the tender, a letter I wrote to the deputation of the Committee will explain my conduct on that head:

27. Q. Have you a copy of that letter.

A. I have the letter itself.

28. Q. Your instructions were that the Governor should be carried to Baltimore Town. Why not del[d] to the Council of Safety.

A. I will give you my ideas of the matter. I conceived, that at the seat of Government he would have numerous

friends & partizans, a clamour might be raised & a rescue attempted. I proposed carrying him to Baltimore & to put him on board the ship of War, where he would be treated like a Gentleman, and there to wait the directions of the Council of Safety, or Congress, whose prisoner I deemed him: C. S. J.

29. Q. Why were troops ordered from Baltimore and Captain Smith not to consult the commanding officer here.

A. The Committee were well informed that A. Ross was come to Annapolis and were afraid he might alarm the Governor, who would very probably attempt to escape, therefore troops or armed men were thought necessary should Capt Smith find the Govr attempting to escape, before he got to Annapolis:

30. Q. Were there any marines on board:

A. I believe there were either sailors or marines.

31. Q. You say the troops were sent to intercept the Governor should he have attempted to escape.

A. That was my intention, and my letter to the deputation from the Baltimore Committee, will explain the reason of sending the tender:

32. Q. You say you have the letter, produce it.

A. Delivers it, explains the reason of his sending the boat by referring to Genl Lee's letter, directed Capt Smith to apply to the Gen^{t} of Balto who, I thought would carry him to the Council of Safety to confer upon the measure.

33. Q. Why was the Governor to be carried to Baltimore if taken at Col. Fitzhugh's, would not the Commee of Calvert have taken care of him:

A. I gave no directions whatever on that subject, on condition that Capt Smith found the Governor attempting to escape before he got from Balt^{o} to Annap^{s} and I had not the least design of any thing save to prevent the Gov^{rs} escape.

34. Q. Did you not know the Council of Safety were sitting:

A. I expected they were:

35. Q. Was any other letter than the above wrote by you to the Balt^{o} deputation.

A. Not a scrape.

36. Q. Some Gen^{t} were sent to Annapolis to engage the commanding officer by oath to secrecy, do you know any thing of this:

A. No. I never entertained the most distant Idea of that sort. The Gen^{t} of the Commee and myself thought the intimation in Genl Lee's letter improper, and were doubtful whether it was a public or private letter.

37. Q. Do you know of any such intimation contained in an anonymous letter.

c. s. j. A. I do not. I neither wrote any such, nor ever heard of any such:

38. Q. Do you know of any letter to the commanding officer here on the subject:

A. No. I did not suppose the commanding officer here could execute such an order, while the Council of Safety were sitting:

39. Q. Was this the reason that the picked men were sent:

A. No. the intention of sending them, is already explained:

40. Q. What time did you receive the dispatches from Virginia:

A. Sunday Evening:

41. Q. What time did you send them to Congress.

A. 4 OClk. Monday morning:

42. Q. Why was not the same dispatch used with respect to us.

A. We thought it most respectful to appoint a deputation to wait on the Council & the Gen^{t} could not go till the morning:

43. Q. Did you know what was contained in the packet to the Congress.

A. There was no packet for the congress. There were two or three private letters, & the let^{r} to Mr Hancock was in Genl Lees handwrit^{g}

44. Q. In your letter to the Gen^{t} from Balt. why was Capt Smith directed to go to Col. Fitzhugh's.

A. I did not order him to go there. I expected he would have orders from the Council to proceed there, in case the Govr had escaped before Capt Smith got to Annapolis:

45. Q. Did you give any directions to Capt. Nicholson verbally or in writing.

A. I had conversed with Capt Nicholson on the propriety of sending the tender, he concurred with me, & at my desire ordered the tender to be got ready.

46. Q. Did you see Capt Nicholson's Instructions to his Lieutenant.

A. Not till after the return of the officers & tender to Baltimore

47. Q. do you know of any intention to seize the Governor at Col. Fitzhugh's.

A. I gave no such instructions and know nothing of any such save what is hinted in Capt Nicholsons orders to his Lieutenant:

48. Q. If seized at Col. Fitzhughs why not sent to Commee of Calvert.

A. I have already informed you I gave no such orders to Capt Smith.

49. Q. The instructions are dated on the 14th & the Letr also. how account for it. C. S. J.

A. It was a mistake they ought to have been dated on Monday the 15th

50. Q. By your letter to the Gent of Baltimore the tender was to be under their direction did you expect they were to mix with the Council:

A. My letter to the Gentlemen of Baltimore will shew that was not my intention, I imagined that on so important an affair they would confer with them on the subject:

51. Q. Why was Capt Smith to consult with the Gent of Baltimore

A. I refered him to those gentlemen, expecting they would carry him to the Council under whose direction I expected he would be after his arrival at Annapolis.

52. Q. You say you wrote to your friends that the council behaved with spirit on the late alarm.

A. I am certain I did to several & observed the happy effects of it in rousing the whole province.

53. Q. Mr Carroll. the instructions were got by Chance to my certain knowledge.

A. I neither gave Captn Smith directions to shew his orders nor forbid him to do it.

54. Q. Did you inclose the Packet to Phila in a letter of yours.

A. No.

55. Q. Why was so much respect shewn to the Council of Safety of Virginia & not to the President of the Congress.

A. A single Gentleman was very sufficient to carry a packet to the congress & bring back their dispatches. It was thought probable the Council of Safety would choose to confer with the members of the Baltimore committee on so interesting a subject as that contained in the papers which they carried. And it was to them, not the Council of Virginia the respect was intended.

56. Q. did you not cover the letter from the congress:

A. I did, & my reason was, that the packet from congress being endorsed with Mr Hancocks name & the public curiosity being at that time great to know what was in agitation I feared the express or some other person who might see the packet would be tempted by curiosity to open it; therefore put it under a new cover, directed to the Council, expecting it would pass as an ordinary Packet from the Committee. To obviate all suspicions of my having opened it, which I presume is implyed in yr question, I could have no temptation to do so base an action. The dispatch from congress to our committee informed us, they had sent orders to the Council

C. S. J. to seize the person & papers of Governor Eden & Mr Alex Ross.

56. Q. Asked again:

A. Recollected he did:

Mr Purviance acknowledges the Instructions were given by himself & not by the Committee:

Original. [Purviance to Balto. Deputation.]

Gentlemen: Baltimore 14 Ap 1776.

Capt James Nicholson having returned yesterday evenG with his Tender, We have dispatchd her to AnnapS under the Commd of Lieut Nicholson & Capt Samuel Smith with a number of picked men well armed, to be at your & the Council's Command in case the Govr should have escaped before you got down. As this Boat can both row & sail, we judged her much fitter for the Pursuit than any vesl that could be found at Annapolis, and we are of opinion that it may still be possible to overtake the Govr before he may leave Colo Fitshugs where it is probable he may call.

Capt Smith has directions to use every Precaution that no alarm may be given by the boats going down, & we confide in his Prudent Managemt of the matter. in case theres no occasion for his Service the vesl can instantly return back. This measure has been detmd on by General Buchn Mr Lux Wm Buchn Doct Boyd Mr Harrison & myself, but they being now all gone to Dinr cant find them to sign this.

I am Gent Your most hble Servt

Saml Purviance Junr

Original Copy. [Instructions to Lieut. Nicholson.]

Sir. You are immediately to proceed with the Defence's Tender off the harbour of Annapolis and there to Land Captn Smyth; while he is ashore, you are to stand off and on the Harbour and examine every Boat, that comes out Annapolis or thereabouts (taking care to distress no Boat unnecessarily) and if you find Governor Eden and Secretary Smyth, or either of them, you are to make them Prisoners. if Captain Smith has Orders to deliver them to the Council of Safety, you'll in that case deliver them up to him for that purpose; if not, bring them on Board the Defence. If upon Captn Smith's return you find they are not at Annapolis you are then to proceed down to Colonel Fitschew's and assist Captain Smith if necessary, in examining the Colonel's house in making them Prisoners. Provided they are not to be found in either place, and

you have Reason to think you can overtake them in standing further down the Bay, in that case you'll proceed as far as Prudence will direct you. You must be particularly careful in your watch while off Annapolis, take care to consult Capt. Smyth in all cases. Given from under my hand this 14th April 1776 at Fells Point Baltimore.

James Nicholson.

To Mr John Nicholson Lieutn of the ship Defence.

N. B. If you find Mr Ross, You'll likewise make him Prisoner

A true copy from the original. Geo. Trumbull clk.

True Copy G. DuVall clk Co. of S.

[Stone to Jenifer.] Original.

Mr Dear Sir. Mr Johnson wrote to you yesterday by Post and I wrote to Mr Hall, nothing is done since in consequence of your letter and resolution to the Presdt We have been very much engaged for some days in attending to the affairs of Canada, having recd late Intelligence from that quarter. I presume the Canada department its connections and Dependencies will ingross our attention for a few days, and then some ansr will probably be given to your Letter, what it will be I can't guess, with any degree of certainty but I am inclined to think every thing will be left to the Convention: we shall attend the meeting of that assembly. Govr Eden's letter is published in one of the papers here and various are the Comments on it. Independant of every thing else it is very suspicious, but taking Mr Eden's conduct, the letters from his Brother, who must know his sentiments, into consideration, I think lessens greatly the charge which the intercepted letter would of itself import. If the Commissioners do not arrive shortly and conduct themselves with great candor and uprightness to effect a reconciliation, a seperation will most undoubtedly take place and then all Governors & officers must quit their posts and new men must be placed in the saddle of power. I wish to conduct affairs so that a just & honorable reconciliation should take place, or that we should be pretty unanimous in a resolution to fight it out for Independance, the proper way to effect this is not to move too quick, but then we must take care to do every thing which is necessary for our Security and Defence, not suffer ourselves to be lulled or wheedled by any deceptious declarations or givings out. You know my hearty wishes for Peace upon terms of Security and Justice to America. But war, any thing is preferable to a

surrender of our rights. You may rely on my friendship on all occasions. My Brothers are all steady friends to your council, and we have not the least doubt but when your conduct comes to be tried by your country you will receive its thanks for your great attention to the publick good. You have been steady firm and determined in the present opposition to ministerial Tyranny and I hope will persevere to the end, bearing all Blasts with unshaken constancy and resolution. Nothing new here. I shall set out on Saturday or Sunday next to meet my wife. Be pleased shew this to your Brothers in council to whom I present my most respectful regards

I am Sir y^{r} most obliged & aff. Friend.

Phil^{a} T. Stone.

April 24th 1776 Wednesday.

C. S. J. Thursday 25 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross together with a Copy of his Examination, be sent under a Guard to the Honble Congress; and that Col. Smallwood be requested to appoint a commissioned Officer and two Privates to be a Guard for that Purpose.

Copy of Letter N° 129 was sent to the Honble John Hancock Esqr President of the Congress, and Copy of N° 130 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County Eighty six Pounds four Shillings & six Pence to discharge the Pay of the Minute Companies there.

Copy of Letter N° 131 was sent to John Hanson Esqr Chairman of the Committee for the middle District of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant Samuel Turbutt Wright £60 on Account of Capt Veazey's independent Company.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant Samuel Turbutt Wright three Blankets and three Pieces Brittanies for Capt Edward Veazey's Company.

Mr Purviance appeared and presented to the Council an Explanation of some of the answers he made to the Questions propounded to him yesterday which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hancock.] C. S. C. No. 129.

To the Honb[le] John Hancock Esq[r]

Sir. We send you under Guard the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross. We have examined him, and send also copy of his Examination. Among his papers we find several that relate to a Scheme of carrying on the Lumber Trade from West Florida to the Islands in the West Indies, and two Letters of Recommendation from Governor Eden and Lord Dunmore to the Governor of that Department, those papers we consider as most material of any we could find and have put them up in a seperate Bundle. The Persons he is supposed to be a Confederate with you have already in your Custody, we mean Smith & Connolly, and we presume also their Papers.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.] No. 130.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n] We send the Person of Alexander Ross together with his Papers, and Copy of his Examination under a Guard to the Honorable Congress—have wrote the President to that Purpose. We find several Papers that relate to a Scheme of Trade in West Florida and two letters of Recommendation, one from Governor Eden and the other from Lord Dunmore —these we think are material, his other Papers which we likewise send, we have searched, and find Nothing of Consequence. Since our last Nothing new has occurred except the Examination of M[r] Purveyance before our Board; he at first deny'd the anonymous Letter, afterwards on Recollection acknowledged it contained some of his Sentiments but could not remember when he wrote them. he prevaricated most abominably. We hope the Time of calling the Convention will meet with your Approbation, we apprehended bad Consequences from Delay. No Messenger as yet returned from Philadelphia; You may judge that we wish to hear some favorable News from you, be it as it may we have the Satisfaction of thinking that we have done our Duty by endeavouring to keep Peace in the Province.

P. S. We send you a copy of Gen[l] Lee's letter to Sam[l] Purviance.

[Council to Hanson.] No. 131.

To John Hanson Esq[r] Chairman of the Committee of Fred[k] City: Mid. Dist.

In Council of Safety Annapolis April 25th 1776

Sir,

We received yesterday your Favour of the 15th Instant and

C. S. C. have sent you by Rob[t] Owings £86.. 4. 6 Currency, agreeable to your Request. The Committee has our Permission to use any Part of the Public Powder in their possession whenever they think it necessary for the Defence of the Province.

Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Phil[a] 25 April 1776.

Gen[t] We this day about 12 oClock rec[d] your letter of the 22[d] by the return of our Express. No further proceeding in Congress on M[r] Edens affair. King came in on Sunday about 3 oclock and is but just now discharged we think proper to mention it that you may not think him blameable. If M[r] Rogers is able we wish his attendance here that as many of us as might be should be at the convention we don't think the province ought to be left unrepresented here. We are Gen[t]

Your most obed[t] Serv[t] Ma[t] Tilghman
Tho[s] Johnson Jun[r] T. Stone.

C. S. J. Friday 26 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except M[r] Jenifer.

Permits granted to the Boat Gimblet, Gilbert Middleton, Master, and Schooner Ranger, George Steel, Master, to pass to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] John Brice Ten Pounds Currency for repairing a House for the Reception of the Records of Ann Arundel County.

Cap[t] James Nicholson in Obedience to the Order of the 24th Instant having appeared before the Board, in Consequence of Instructions he had given his first Lieutenant, The Council proceeded to hear what he had to allege as a Justification or Excuse for giving said Orders. He urged a Conversation with M[r] Purviance as Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County, and that he shewed him a Letter from General Lee; and Captain Nicholson declaring upon his Honour that he expected his Officer was to act only on the Water, and that he expected Cap[t] Smith would have applied to the Council of Safety for Instructions, and having before made Concessions by his Letter of the 21st Instant, Thereupon Ordered That Captain Nicholson be informed of the Opinion of this Board that General Lee has no Authority within this Province, and that M[r] Purviance exceeded his Power in giving Directions to the Purport he had done, and that he be cautioned to be more on his Guard for the future.

Major Mordecai Gist in Obedience to the Order of the 24 C. S. J.
Instant having also appeared before the Council in Consequence of his Instructions to Captain Samuel Smith, and alleging he gave the same in a Hurry and through Inadvertency, and declaring upon his Honour that he apprehended that Captain Samuel Smith when he came to Annapolis was to take his Orders from the Council of Safety. Thereupon Ordered, That he be informed as above of the Opinion of this Board, and that he be cautioned to be more on his Guard for the future.

Captain Samuel Smith in Obedience to the Order of the 24th Inst. also appeared before the Council and was examined with Respect to the Instructions he received from Mr Samuel Purviance, and his Conduct after his Arrival at Annapolis in Consequence of said Instructions; in Vindication whereof he presented a Representation of his Conduct to the Council in Writing, which was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Gordon five hundred and ninety six Pounds four Shillings for 994 Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Bills and Gun slings.

Commissions issued to Samuel Calwell appointed Captain, Thomas Hutchins 1 Lt and Joseph Lewis 2d Lt of a Company of Militia in Harford County belonging to the 8th Battalion.

Also to James McComas appointed Captain Benjamin Scott 1 Lieutenant, Martin Preston 2d Lt and James Steele Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County belonging to the said Battalion.

Also to Bennett Bussey appointed Captain Joshua Miles 1 Lieutenant, Azael Hitchcock jr 2d Lieut and Joseph Amos Ensign of a Company of Militia of said Battalion.

Also to Robert Harris appointed Captain, William Coale 1 Lieut. William Downes 2d Lieut. and Joshua Renshaw junr Ensign of a Company in same Battalion.

Also to James St Clair appointed 2d Lieut. of Capt William McComas's Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Alexander Cowen appointed Captain John Beale Howard 1 Lieutenant, Samuel Groome Osborn 2d Lieut. and Lambert Wilmer Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to William Webb appointed Captain Ignatius Wheeler 1 Lt William Fisher 2d Lt and Samuel Webb junior Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to John Patrick appointed Captain, Winston Dallam 1 Lieutenant, Samuel Bailey 2d Lt and Richard Ward Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to John Jolley appointed Captain, John Montgomery 1 Lieut. James Wilson 2d Lieut. and James Thomas Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

C. S. J. Mr Purviance appeared and was informed by the President that the Council of Safety on considering his Conduct and the high and dangerous Offence of assuming the supreme executive Power in this Province, had resolved that he should enter into a Recognizance in the Sum of five hundred Pounds current money for his appearance at the Convention on Thursday the 9th of May next, as this matter would then be laid before that meeting for their Consideration.

His Recognizance is as follows.

"You Samuel Purviance acknowledge yourself to owe and stand justly indebted unto the Honble the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland in the full and just Sum of five hundred Pounds Current money to be levied of your Body, Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements in Case you do not make your Personal Appearance at the next Convention on Thursday the 9th of May next then to answer to such Things as may be objected against you, and not depart from said Convention without the Leave thereof."

The said Samuel Purviance acknowledged himself to be content therewith.

Copy of Letter N° 132 was sent to Captain James Nicholson.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain James Nicholson two hundred Pounds on Account of the Sea forces under his command.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr George Gordon ten Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux thirty three Pounds seventeen shillings and four Pence (for the use of Mr Andrew Stigar) for Provision for the Troops whilst at Whetstone Point on the late Alarm.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Examination of Major Gist.

Q. Some Instns handed to us with yr Indorsemt be pleased to inform what conversation you had & with whom.

A. Capt Nicholson first informed me, & he told me of S. P. Instructions (as if from Commee)

Q. Did you consider purport of Instns

A. Yes. but I did it rather precipitately had I considered it, perhaps I should not have done so.

Q. Did you understand Capt Smith was to be under directions of C. S.

A. I understood a delegn of Commee was sent to Annaps the Instructs of S. P. were wrote when I first saw him, immedy upon my signing 'em.

Q. What conversation passed on Sunday night. C. S. J.

A. I was shewed the letrs from Secy of State. they were very busy in making copies to send to congress they enjoined me to secrecy.

Q. Who were there.

A. Mr Buchanan, Mr Nicholson &c.

Q. What time was it, when you first saw S. P. Instns drawn up:

A. On Monday abt Dinner. I did not wish to throw my reflections upon the Council by my acquiescence. I imagined Gentn of Comee would have applyd to C. of S. for Instructions. Upon reflection I'm convinced the Comee had no power to issue such orders:

Examination of Capt Smith:

Q. Had you any partr Instruts how to execute the orders from Mr P.

A. He had some conversation wt Mr P. about the orders some time before he deld the Instructs

Q. Did you apprehend the instructions were to be shown to the Co. of S.

A. I did but as I was not admitted in the Co. had not an opptv of showing them. That Mr Reynolds informed Capt Smith that he was to act according to the orders he had recd he was enjoined to secrecy or would have shewn his orders to the Col.

Q. Had you any Verbal orders from Mr P. or any one else.

A. I had not.

Q. Did you consult the Dep. from Balt. before you came to the Co.

A. He waited on the deputation very early in the mornG they informed him, what the Co. had determined, advised him not to shew his Instructs to the Col. produced a representation of his conduct & promised a copy to the Co:

[Council to Nicholson.] C. S. C. No. 132.

To Captn James Nicholson.

Sir. We consider the Schooner Resolution to be fitted out only as a Tender for the Ship Defence and therefore have given you Directions to put Officers on board out of your own Ship as you may think best for the public Service.

26th Aprl 1776.

C. S. J. Capt Saml Smiths Narrative.

On Monday the 15th April I was on the field exercising the three companies stationed in Baltimore when Mr Samuel Purviance (Chairman of the Committee) came out to me & beg^{d} I would immediately attend the Committee: That an affair of the greatest consequence demanded my attendance; That there would be occasion for eight or ten of my men under my own comm^{d} to go in Capt Nicholsons Tender. He then found it necessary to inform me of the business, & enjoined the strictest secrecy. I kept the troops about a quarter of an hour longer on duty, and discharged them all except my own company, out of which I chose ten good men & a sargeant and ordered them to be in readiness at half past one. I waited at Mr Purviances (on the Committee as I thought) but found only the Chairman there, He shewed me the different letters respecting the Business I was to go on, and I agreed with him that too much dispatch could not be made. I then went in quest of Major Gist, but could not find him About one oClock Mr S. Purviance passed by the barracks, I spoke to, & told him that I was ready & waited but for orders. He said I should have them immediately. I again went in search of the Major & found him at dinner. I told him my men were ready. As soon as he had finished dining, he went to Mr Purviances, where I followed him in about ten minutes, & found him reading my instructions (†Mr Purviance mentioned that if the Governor was still at Annapolis I should have nothing to do, as he supposed the Council of Safety would put him under guard before I should get down†). I received my instructions from the Major, & with my men went immediately to the point, where I went on board the defence's tender commanded by Lieu^{t} Nicholson, after taking proper stores from the Defence we proceeded down, arrived & came to Anchor off the Harbour of Annapolis at ab^{t} 3 oClock on Tuesday morning. at day break I went ashore & delivered a letter to Messrs John Smith, Benjamin Nicholson & John Sterrit. They told me what had passed between them & the Honb^{l} Council. I asked them whether I might not inform the Col^{l} of my business. They said the Council had enjoined the strictest secrecy, and advised me not to mention it till I had their (the Council's) leave. (I shewed them my orders, they advised me not to shew them to any other person, as it was their opinion they were in some degree improper. They said they were to wait on Major Jenifer after breakfast & would let me know when they returned how I was to act. on their return to the coffee House they told me he highly approved of the tender's being sent down; and that they were to meet the Council at 10 oClock who would give me orders.) About 11 oClock I

observed the Governor's boat hove out & clearring. I C. S. J.
thought it my duty to make it immediately known to the
Honble Council, & accordingly waited on them & was refused
admittance. I with difficulty persuaded the doorkeeper to
ask Mr B. Nicholson (who was with them) to come out. After
an half hours attendance he came. I told him what I had
seen, & begged he would tell the Council that I waited their
orders whether to remain with the tender or return home.
They answered by Mr Nicholson, That they desired me to
remain with the boat & act according to the orders I had
received (or words to that amo^t^) a short time after sunset I
went on board. The midshipman who came on shore for me,
pointed at a schooner lying off the Governor's wharf, wh he
said had come out, and on seeing the tenders boat rowing
tow^ds^ her, put back immediately, and came to, where she then
lay. On my return to Annapolis next morning, (Wednesday)
we knew her to be Mr Sprigg's. About eleven she hove up,
and attempted going out, but was brought to by the tender.
About twelve the Governors boat also got under way, and the
tender brought her to. I saw what was done, & thought it
my duty to go on board. I search^d^ the last mentioned boat
narrowly & found Porter & Claret, which made me suspect
his excellency intended making his escape. I put a guard on
board with some of the Defence's People, and am sorry to say
that 2 bottles Porter & one of Claret were drank by them. M^r^
Sprigg came off to us, & seem^d^ much surprised that we should
dare to stop his boat, & asked what orders we had. I thought
his question impertinent, and answered it as it deserved with
silence. I went ashore with him, he grumbling all the time.
Secretary Smith was on the wharf he asked Mr Sprigg what
was the matter; who answered that by order from the Council
of Safety his schooner was stopped. Mr Smith immediately
replyed, that he could assure him the Council of Safety had
given no such orders. I said it was sufficient I had my orders
for what was done. I then went to Dinner, and there under-
stood by verbal orders from Mr Duvall, that the affair was
settled & I might return home. Mr Sprigg came in & I prom-
ised to send his boat up to Annapolis according to his desire.
I went down to the wharf with intention to go on board, where
I met Lieut: Nicholson with a pass from the Governor for
his Mullattoe, to pass unmolested in Chesapeake Bay. We
thought proper to deliver it to some member of the Hon^l^
council; and seeing Mr Carroll talking with Mr Sprigg, we
went up to him, and Lieut. Nicholson delivered it. Mr Sprigg
complained of ill treatment. Lieut. Nicholson told him, he only
did what he had a right to do. He replied, he supposed that he
(Lieut^t^ N.) might think he was right. I answered that he not

C. S. J. only thought so, but was so. Mr Carroll said that the Council had given no such orders. Both Lieut[t] Nicholson & myself assured him that we had orders; And on being asked to shew them, we did so & promised to have copies of them. About two oClock we went on board & returned to Baltimore town.

N. B. The paragraph's marked ( ) I recollected since I, Sam[l] Smith, wrote the narrative delivered to the Hon[l] Council. I wrote it in a great hurry or I might then have remembered many other circumstances relative to this affair:

Saturday 27th April 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Peter Littig sixty five Pounds on Account of his Contract with Mr Alexander for Musquets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds to pay Expresses and for other Purposes, and that an Account be rendered of the Expenditure thereof.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel William Smallwood twelve Pounds Currency for so much money by him advanced to defray Captain Adams's Expences in guarding Alexander Ross to Philadelphia

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut[t] Colonel Francis Ware nineteen Pounds and four Pence being the Amount of his Account for Subsistence till 14th March.

Mr Carroll has Leave of Absence till Thursday next.

Resolved That Messrs Thomas Hyde and William Wilkins be appointed Supervisors of the Bills of Credit to be printed and struck by virtue of a Resolve of the late Convention.

Copy of Letter N° 133 was sent by Express to John Rogers Esquire.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captain Richard Graves nineteen Pounds fifteen Shillings and six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Company when on Duty the 8th of March last.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 133.

[Council to Rogers.]

To John Rogers Esq[r]

Sir.

We this Moment received the Original of which the inclosed

is a Copy, and as Matters of a very interesting Nature have been lately discussed in Congress relative to our Province which will be laid before the next Convention, it will be very proper that as many of our Deputies should be here as can be spared from Congress to represent what passed there; We request you will comply with the within Requisition if possible. C. S. C.

27th April 1776

[Rogers to Council.] Original.

28th April 1776

Gentlemen

I shall endeavour to comply with the request in your favor received this morning by express. I am just recovering from a severe attack of the Gout, and find myself much relaxed and weaken'd, but I am in hopes of being able to set off on Wednesday next, and of getting to Philadelphia time enough for such of the Maryland Gentlemen as intend to be at the Convention, to attend the first day of its Meeting

I am, Gent. your most Obedt Servt

J. Rogers

Monday 29th April 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Carroll.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant William Steritt thirty Shillings and two pence.

Mr Tilghman has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday 30 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Tilghman.

Ordered That Captain John Fulford have two Pieces of Cannon which are now at Mr Richard Sprigg's, to be brought to the City of Annapolis and valued by Major Price and Captain Fulford, and that they report the Valuation of the same to this Board.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Niven twenty nine Pounds eight Shillings and three Pence for Steel Ramrods.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Brice two Pounds eight Shillings and nine Pence for Lb. 13 Gunpowder.

C. S. J. Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Cap[t] John Pitt One hundred and twenty six Pounds five Shillings being the Amount of his Account for furnishing a Pilot Boat, to the 3rd of May.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

M[r] Frederick Green of the City of Annapolis Printer contracted with the Council of Safety for printing the new Emission of Money according to the Resolves of the last Convention; and for his Services therein he is to be paid in Proportion to what he was allowed for printing the former Emission of Convention money.

The following notice was ordered to be published in the Maryland Gazette, to wit.

"The Gentlemen who were appointed to collect Gold and Silver Coin are desired to take notice that we have now received Continental Money, and that whatever Gold and Silver they bring in will be immediately exchanged at the Treasury."

p Order G. DuVall Clk.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct[r] Michael Wallace One hundred and four Pounds nine Shillings and six Pence for medicine &c. as p[r] Account.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Dent to Council.]

Charles County, April 30th 1776

Gent[n] In uniformity to the appointment of George Plater Esq[r] and myself, by your Honors, to cooperate with the Commissioners from Virginia in erecting Beacons on the River Potomack; we have fixed the different stations for the same to the Number of twenty, whereof thirteen are in Maryland Viz: one in Prince George's, nine in Charles and three in St. Mary's averaging about five miles from each other. To accomplish which we have advanced the sum of thirteen pounds & four Pence half Penny, a Moiety of the Charge for a Boat and Hands, together with a -man exclusive of our own Expences which I flatter myself will be allowed. We have likewise agreed upon the Form of the Alarm-Post, which is to be a kind of Iron Grate suspended by a Chain on the end of a Sweep fixed with a Swivel so as to be turned agreeable to the Wind. And as a further sum of money will be wanting to have them erected (which with Submission to your Honors I think may be done with greater Convenience of Despatch

by the Committees of Observation under our Direction) hope you'll order the same into their Hands or otherwise as you may think proper. I am Gent^{n} with due Esteem

Y^{r} mot. Obedient Hble Servt
Jno Dent

[Lux and Bowly to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 30 April 1776

Gentlemen As Capt. Patterson does not chuse to proceed in the Fortune, we have engaged Capt. Sund to proceed the Voyage, with your approbation, and for that purpose he waits on you, the Brig is ready and we think it the fairest Opportunity to push out. We send you Inclosed some Letters we just received from Mr Vanbebber, by which you will see his situation, and that it is necessary to support him. We would recommend to order the Capt to St Martins as Capt Vanbebber directs. You will please to give the Capt his orders & dispatch him as soon as convenient.

A Gentleman from North Car^{o} yesterday brings us the acco^{t} of their taking a Tender with Old Goodrich of Virg^{a} on board, he saw him put into Hallifax Goal. And we have an acco^{t} today that the Roebuck is on shore on a Shoal called the Hen & Chickens just to the Southward of Cape Henlopen, and that the Province Ship and another with all the Gondola's were gone down to take her

We are most respectfully
Gent^{n} your obliged Obed^{t} Serv^{ts}
Lux & Bowly

Please to return Capt Vanbebbers Letters.

Wednesday 1st May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr James Taylor five Pounds Currency in Part Payment for his making Gun Carriages.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John Hall Esqr fifty eight Pounds sixteen Shillings for 84 Days Attendance as a member of the Council to the first instant inclusive.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Nicholas Ruxton Moore Eleven Pounds thirteen Shillings, and four pence for his Expences to and from Philadelphia to carry Gold and Silver Coin for the Operations in Canada.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Frederick Green six Pounds three Shillings and four Pence for the Purposes mentioned in the above Order.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Frederick Green seventy four Pounds in Part Payment of his Account against the Province for printing.

Copy of Letter N° 134 was sent to Capt Jeremiah Holder, Copy of N° 135 to Captain John Valiant, Copy of N° 136 to Mr William Lux, Copy of N° 137 to Mr Hugh Young, and Copy of N° 138 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore Town.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 134.

[Council to Holden.]

To Captain Jeremiah Holden.

Sir, We are informed that you have a Schooner which sails well, and will carry about 4 or 500 Barrels of Flour—if you incline to let us have her on Freight to the West Indies we will take her of you; and insure her to the Sum she may be valued at—her Loading is now ready at Baltimore Town—let us hear from you by Return of this Boat or by some earlier Opportunity.

29th Apl

No. 135.

[Council to Valiant.]

To Captn John Valiant.

Sir, We are informed that you have a Sloop which sails well, burthen about 40 Tons—if you incline to let us have her on Freight to the West Indies we will take her of you, and insure to the Sum she may be valued at. her Loading is now ready at Baltimore Town. let us hear from you by Return of this Boat or by some earlier Opportunity

29th Apl. 1776

No. 136.

[Council to W. Lux.]

To Mr William Lux

Sir. The Council of Safety upon Consideration some Days ago on the Impracticability of square rigged Vessels escaping the Enemy in their Way to their several Ports of Destination did conceive that small sharp rigged Vessels would more probably meet with success. We have therefore thought it most advisable to send the Cargo of the Brig Fortune to the West Indies in such Vessels, and for that Purpose have wrote to

Persons who we are informed, can furnish us with them. In the mean Time we would direct that the Cargo of the Brig should not be unloaded but kept on Board until you have further Instructions from us. Cap[t] Vanbebber can't be much if any in Advance after the Arrival of the Hannah, and the Bill he has drawn. C. S. C.

May 1 1776

[Council to Young.] No. 137.

To Mr. Hugh Young

Sir. We send you inclosed a Letter to the Committee of Baltimore County, and request you would present it to them, and get the Schooner 92 ready as soon as possible & let the Captain call on us for Instructions.

P. S. We have not yet received the letter from Capt. Beatty.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 138.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County

Gent[n]

We understand from Cap[t] Nicholson that you have now got your Boom down at Whetstone Point. We desire therefore the Schooner Ninety two may be no longer detained, and have ordered M[r] Young to dispatch her immediately.

[Memorandum of Northampton Committee.]

Northampton County Virginia 1st May 1776.

In Committee Cap[t] Duncan Hill commander of the schooner late loaded with flower formerly commanded by Cap[t] Kell, laid his instructions from the Honb[l] the Council of Safety of Maryland before the Committee, and desired their advice therein. The Committee accordingly took his case under consideration and are of opinion that agreeable to his instructions he may make a trial to get out of the capes the Committee being of opinion there is a possibility (tho very little probability) of his escaping the tenders:

Extract from the minutes. Drury Stith C. Com.

[Neill to ———] Original.

Baltimore 1st May 1776.

Sir: When I applyed to the Council of Safety for payment of my schooner and Cargo you begged me to waite the

meeting of the Convention which is now soon. I will be obliged to you if you will write me by the bearer and let me know if it will be needfull for me to attend the convention or not, and what time you would recommend for me to go down. I have had no letters from either the Capt or Supercargo since those I laid before you. one of the sailors that went out in the schooner is come to town and sundry Gentlemen of this place who were at St Eustatia and can give a full acco^{t} of that seizure of her being condemned and sold. I am going tomorrow to the Country and cannot be home before the 15th of this month.

I am sir your ob^{t} Hu^{l} Servt William Neill.

Original. [S. Smith to Council.]

Baltimore Town 1st May 1776.

Gentlemen: Mr Campbell by this conveyance resigns his commission of first Lieu^{t} in my Company in order to be of more essential service to his country by distressing the trade of our Enemies in a Privateer fitted out by a Gentlemen of this town. If it does not interfere too much with a plan you may have laid down for promotions in the Regular Service, I shall be exceeding happy to have my second Lieu^{t} appointed to the vacancy, he is very capable & more acquainted with the men & their dispositions & of consequence can be of more use in the Company than a stranger.—should you have determined to raise the officers according to their seniority. I doubt not you have heard of Mr Kids character (who is eldest 2nd Lieu^{t}) & I rest satisfied you will not promote any person who is not equal to it. should you not have promised the Ensigncy that will be vacant, I shall be happy to have my Brother James in the service, he has been in the Independant Comp^{y} of this Town ever since its formation & understands the duty as well as most young officers, I am Gentlemen

Your obliged & mo obed^{t} Servt Sam: Smith:

Original. [Campbell to Jenifer.]

Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr

Baltimore 1st May 1776.

Sir: Several Gentlemen here are desirous to send me out in a privateer from this place, my own inclination also, leads me to you having been accustomed to the sea service, we have taken great pains to get a vessel fit for the purpose, and think we have succeeded, you'l receive enclosed the commission with which I was honour'd; Retaining the utmost grati-

tude and respect for the public from whom I, had it, I hope to have the testimony of my Brother officers that I served with Vigilance and attention, since my appointment and beg leave to assure you that no consideration would induce me to leave the service but the hopes of being more useful in another department I entered into the service a Volunteer and now quit it with regret I looked on the commission I held as a testimony of the public confidence and esteem and shall endeavour in my new capacity to merrit the attention that was paid me. I shall go to Philadelphia to morrow to purchase such necessaries, as cannot be got here and make application for a Commission for the vessel, could I obtain a few lines from your Honourable Council signifying that I was in the land service of this province, it would no doubt facilitate my business and be of service to me, we are much distressed for canvas, I know of none, private property, to be had, could your Honble Council spare us any, would forward our enterprize, and enable us to fit out, with more expedition than will be otherwise in our power.

I am Sir, Your most obed^t^ hum^l^ Servt
James Campbell

[Ware to Council.] Original.

Baltimore May 1st 1776.

Gentlemen: I have just been informed by Doct^r^ Wesonthall that the small pox prevales in several parts of this town which renders a fear other officers myself and several soldiers in danger of taking the infection, as our duty requires our passing frequently by houses where it is, the Doct^r^ has advised me to be Enockolated emediately as a person of my age must be in great danger who takes it in the natural way, I have therefore thought it my duty to state the matter to you, and wait your instructions thereon, and hope if you should disapprove of Enockolation that you will contrive some method of getting the troops encamped without the town. Whetstone point would be the most proper station could we be provided with tents and other camp utensils. But the officers have neither of them a tent nor do I think it in their power to furnish them as proper cloth is not to be had:

I am Gentlemen with due respect your very Hum^l^ Servt
Fran^s^ Ware:

C. S. J. Thursday 2d May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Charles Wallace three thousand Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen thirteen Pounds five Shillings and two Pence for Carting Materials for the Magazine.

Copy of Letter No 139 was sent to Col. William Smallwood, Copy of No 140 to Mr Henry Yost of Frederick County and Copy of No 141 to Mr John Unseld of said County.

The Council request Major Price to cause any Arms that may be lodged at Frederick Town belonging to the Publick by Henry Yost, John Unseld or any other Person, to be brought safely to Annapolis by the first Opportunity.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send to the City of Annapolis in a Boat to be procured for that Purpose, One half of all the Linens of every kind now in the Magazine, and 10 Reams of Cartridge Papers: and render an Account of all the Stores in said Magazine, particularizing the Musquets fit for Service from those which are unfit, and the Provincial from the French.

Ordered That Mr Edward Parker of Cæcil County send down to the City of Annapolis by Mr Gilbert Middleton all the coarse Linen manufactured for the use of the Province.

Adjourned till next Day.

C. S. C. No. 139. [Council to Smallwood.]

To Colo William Smallwood

Sir: Upon considering the Representations made by Major Gist relative to Christian Carther the Council of Safety are of Opinion that his Case comes properly under the 7th Article of War, and that he cannot be punished with Death, and therefore that the appointment of a Court Martial by the Council of Safety is unnecessary.

2d May 1776

No. 140. [Council to Youst.]

To Mr Henry Yost (Fredk Coty)

Sir.

In November last you contracted with the Council of Safety for the Delivery of seventy five Muskets with Worms, steel Ramrods, Bayonets with steel Blades &c, on or before the 1st of May to the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis

and received £150 Curry. per Advance. We are now in great Want of the Guns, and the Time being past we request you would let us have them as soon as possible, or at least as many as you have ready. they may be delivered to the Order of Major Price at Frederick Town. We also expect you will comply with your further Contract for the Delivery of 25 Muskets with like Accoutrements at George Town per Month: the Time commences on the 14th of this Instant. We are much surprized that we have not had some Guns delivered us heretofore from your Shop. C. S. C.

May 3 1776

[Council to Unseld.] No. 141.

To Mr John Unseld (Fredk City)

Sir.

On the 14th of December 1775, you entered into an Engagement to make and deliver on or before the first Day of May 1776 to the Council of Safety or their Order, at George Town or Baltimore Town eighty good substantial proved Muskets 3½ Feet in the Barrell ¾ Inch in the Bore, with good double bridle Locks, black Walnut or Maple Stocks & plain strong Brass mounting, Bayonets with steel Blades 17 inches long, steel Ramrods, double Screws, priming Wires and Brushes fitted thereto with a pair of brass Moulds to cast twelve Bullets on one Side & on the other Side to cast shot of such a size as the Musketts will chamber three of them.

Twenty nine Muskets very roughly made with Pickers and Wipers and one Bullet Mould have been delivered but not one Bayonet. The Residue of the Arms and the Bayonetts &c are immediately wanted, the Province has been greatly disappointed by your Non Compliance with your Contract, We therefore require you will immediately send them on Pain of answering all the evil Consequences that may ensue.

May 3 1776

[Barrister Carroll to Council.] C. S. C.

Gentlemen. The inclosed were brought to me yesterday by Mr William Smith wh I promised him I would transmit to you by the first oppertunity. I sent for Mr Hopkins as You desired and directed him to send half the linens to Annapolis by the Defence or her tender but they had set off before he returned to town, Be pleased to write to him whether he may hire a boat and now send them with safety to you I have been so much out of order that I have not been able to Call on

c. s. c. Col° Ware about the tents but will Do it as soon as I possibly can.

I am with respect Gent^{n} y^{r} most obed^{t} Hble Servt
Mount Clare May 2^{d} 1776. Chas Carroll
To the Council of Safety.

Original. [Baxter to Council.]

Baltimore Town May 2^{d} 1776.

Gentlemen: Permit me to take this opportunity of acknowledging the greatful sence I entertain of the Honour done me by the late Provincial Convention held for this Province, which honourable Body you now represent, in appointing me a Lieutenant in the fourth Company of the Regulars raised for the Defence of this Province. An opportunity now offers, by embracing of which I am fully convinced I can equally serve the American Cause, and peradventure reap considerable private Advantage, and inasmuch as I am well assured that Numbers of Gentlemen with superior Abilities, and I hope with equal Zeal and Attachment will gladly accept of my Birth, I therefore humbly beg leave to resign my Commission, which I here send you inclosed, most ardently wishing that America in general and this Province in particular may ever be successfull in their struggles for the glorious cause of Liberty: I am Gentlemen with the greatest respect, Your very humble Servant, Jo. Baxter:

c. s. j. Friday 3^{d} May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 142 was sent to Lieutenant Col. Francis Ware, Copy of N° 143 to Col. Joseph Sim of Prince George's County, Copy of N° 144, to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County, Copy of N° 145 to Col. Zadok Magruder, Lower District of Frederick County, and Copy of N° 146 to Mr George Woolsey of Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster One thousand Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Rumsey Esquire forty two Pounds for 60 Days Attendance as a Member of the Council.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Edward Timmins seven Pounds five Shillings and five Pence for 32 Steel Ramrods.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Ware.] C. S. C. No. 142.

To Col° Francis Ware.

Sir: We leave Col° Ware entirely at large on the Point of Inoculation. We think it the safest method of taking the small Pox, but would have him judge of the Risque. We are doubtful Tents cannot be provided for some Time. Capt. Fulford comes up to make some Enquires for us, if it lays in your Way to assist him we should be obliged to you for it.

May 3 1776

[Council to Sim.] No. 143.

To Col° Joseph Sim.

Sir. Inclosed we send you a Copy of C. Pendleton Esqr his letter to us relative to the Prisoners from North Carolina. We request you would give the necessary Orders for convoying those intended for Pennsylvania through Prince George's County to Queen Anne where a proper Guard will be appointed to receive them and conduct them to Baltimore Town. those twelve intended to be kept in Custody in this Province, we think it would be best to have them sent under Guard by Water to George Town, and request you would give the necessary Orders for that Purpose. there Col° Magruder will receive and convoy them to Frederick Town and deliver them to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County, to whom we have likewise wrote on the Occasion.

The province will be answerable to you for reasonable Expences.

4th May 1776.

P. S. In case any Letters or Papers should come for us by the Guard, send them forward by Express.

[Virginia Committee to Council.]

Williamsburg April 28th 1776.

Gentlemen. In Committee of Safety. We have received intelligence from N° Carolina that they are sending off a number of their Tory Prisoners to be kept, partly in Pennsylvania others in your Province & the remainder in ours. We have at their request sent a guard to escort twenty six designed for Pennsylvania, & twelve for yours, to Alexandria, to which place you will please to dispatch directions where you mean to have yours kept, and appoint a proper guard for conveying them, and also for escorting those for Pennsylvania through

C. S. C. your Province. We need not hint the necessity of using caution to prevent their escape as their return to Carolina may be attended with bad consequences.

I am gentlemen your most obed^{t}
Humble Servant, Edm^{d} Pendleton s^{r}
For the Committee

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland:
List of Prisoners destined for Maryland.

1 Captn Willm Garner
2 Aaron Vardie Waggon Master
3 Captn Lyman York
4 Samuel Devenny, Shot Captn Dent in cold blood.
5. Stephen Lisney the same
6. Frederick Croft the same
7. Captn John Piles
8. John Piles Junr
9 Ensign Thomas Brawford
10. Captn David Jackson
11 Captn Robinson York
12. Captn Alex^{r} McCra
13 Lieut^{nt} Kenneth Stuart.

No. 144. [Council to Frederick Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Fred^{k} County

Gent^{n}

We send you inclosed a List of Prisoners transmitted to us from North Carolina, who are to be kept in Custody in this Province. We request you would make the best Enquiry you can into the Circumstances and Condition of the Persons, and have those kept that you may think intitled to any Indulgence in some Room or Rooms in Frederick Town, under a proper Guard, the others in the public Prison there; until the Tory House is got ready, which we hope will be done soon. The Convention from North Carolina have sent us no State of the Prisoners' particular Cases, nor any Thing more than we inclose you a Copy of. they are to do it soon. Should any of the Prisoners incline to hand any State of their Case in writing to us, we should be obliged to you to forward any such, and we will consider the Affair more fully hereafter and give Instructions if any be necessary, what further we would have done. The immediate Expense will fall we suppose on this Province, but surely North Carolina or the Continent will reimburse us.

May 3rd 1776

[Council to Magruder.] C. S. C. No. 145.

To Col° Zadock Magruder

Sir.

We request you would appoint a proper Guard to convey the Prisoners from North Carolina that will be delivered you at George Town, from thence to Frederick Town there to be delivered to the Committee of Observation to whom we have wrote on the Occasion. The Province will be answerable to you for reasonable Expences.

May 3 1776

[Council to Woolsey.] No. 146.

To Mr George Woolsey, Balt° Town

Sir. We contracted with you on the 9th of February last for the Brig Rogers to proceed on a Voyage to the foreign West Indies on Acct of this Province, and advanced you £1800 toward purchasing a Cargo of Flour for her, we have not since then heard from you on that Subject, nor doth it appear to us that you have done any Thing therein, we therefore request you would acquaint us by the Return of Capt Fulford what you have done in this Matter.

May 4th 1776

[Worcester Committee to Council.]

May 3^d^ 1776.

In Committee of observation for Worcester County Maryland:

In pursuance of the resolves of the Convention, Mr Elijah Shockley made return of his company of Militia, consisting of eight non commissioned officers and fifty privates; by which return it appears that the said Elijah Shockley is duly elected as Captain, James Johnson as first Lieutenant, Stephen Bacham as second Lieutenant and Elijah Carey as Ensign of said Company:

Signed p order R. Dennis Clk.

[Purviance to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 3^d^ May 1776.

Gentlemen: I forgot to get from you a copy of the letter which I wrote by Captn Smith to the Gentlemen of Baltimore Committee when at Annapolis. Please to order your Clerk to furnish me a Copy thereof by return of Captn Smith which will oblige Gentlemen Your hble Servt

Saml Purviance Junr

C. S. J. Saturday 4th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except Mr Rumsey.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain William Ringgold Junior twenty five Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Militia Company when on Duty from the 7th to the 10th of March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux (for the use of James Jaffray) thirteen Pounds two Shillings for Cloth for the use of the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux (for the use of Messrs Frisby Henderson and James Hollingsworth) twelve Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Robert Purviance, David Stewart and George Woolsey five hundred Pounds on Account of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Barton Lucas sixty six Pounds and seven Pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Capt Nathaniel Smith all the small Arms which were brought from Frederick County and 100 small Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esq. Eighty nine Pounds thirteen Shillings and six Pence for money advanced by him for Shoes, Rifles, &c. as pr Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr Eleven Pounds four Shillings for sixteen Days Attendance as a member of the Council.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

Original. [West to Hall.]

John Hall Esqr Woodyard 4th May 1776.

Dear Sir: I received your esteemed favour relative to my Muskett which I apprehend suffered from the rain, it is by no means equal to many that I have & shall have, yet I believe it is much better than what you generally get. I am warranted to say so by the People Officers & Soldiers from your City. I send you one much better finished than that you have got and I desire that it may be compared with those you get. I defy all your People to produce such a Bayonet, Rammer, or a barrel so well turned off, or such a Barrel of their make, light, plain well poized and Proof, yet these Barrells are by no means so good as the rest that I have which are larger and better, if my opinion was worthy of notice I woud deliver the

lightest Arms to the Officers, the largest and heavyest to the Privates for very obvious reasons but you cannot expect good Arms or the Art to be carried to perfection unless you give liberal Encouragement. I have many that will be worth 5 Guinnies at least, and those I send you really stand me £5.. 7.. 6 without a great Profit or allowance for my own time, Expence, and Collecting Materials. Your Rammers and Bayonets of your Country-made Arms I am told are rough Trash, & the Rammers fly out in Exercise, mine will not, they are kept by a fine spring in the lower pipe, people who are good Judges declare that my Arms on an Average are well worth fitted & finished as I do them 4 Guinnies, my own Carbine from London, not equal any way to the one I now send you cost me 4 Guinnies out of Jn° Baziers shop. We cannot make them so cheap as they do, the price I have asked to indemnifye me is 6£ of our Paper not equal to 3½ guineas, here, and I affirm in the face of the sun they are well worth it: I prove all the locks, and if any way defective finish them with the best steel. many Guns that I have seen are fitt only to beat Homminy with, not for men to trust their lives to. pray have you summed up the price your Musketts will come to, from piece work from your favourite Harriss try them fairly and see what they will amount to and then when they are really finished as well as mine which I do not believe all your workmen together can do, please to sum up the amount.

first the Barrell, to Squire Harriss	£1.. 15..
Loops for the Sling Swivels	.. 2..
A screw and nutt for the Butt	.. 1..
A trigger and guard	.. 1..
Fixing the loops and sight to the barrell. q[r] if the price of 25/	.. 3..
A Sett of brass mounting, if cost only 7/6 might yet before it is put on properly filed & polished it will cost at least 15/	.. 15..
A Stock.	15..
A Lock.	15..
A Rammer	.. 05..
Screws and pins for the Butts, Guards & loops at least	.. 5..
A Spring for the Rammer	.. 1..
Polishing the Barrell	5..
2 Slings Swivels and screws	5..
A Bayonet Scabbard hook & fixing—suppose	.. 4.. 6
A good well finished Bayonet such as mine 16 or 17 inches in the blade, cannot be made compleat for less than	.. 12.. 6

To a workman for putting all the parts together fixing the Lock Brasses, loops, swivells, &c in which a Joiner and Smith must both be employed, fitting in the lock to the stock &c will cost you at least 5/ a gun, try it, when you will.	.. 5..
	£6.. 10..
A woollen case for the Gun, thread & making	2.. 6
	£6.. 12.. 6

This estimate my good friend you will find if the work be well done and the workmen paid will be pretty near the value of your Barrells of Mr Harriss when delivered to you fit for use, there will not be much variation. there may possibly be some saving from your cheap purchase of some of the articles or of their inferior Quality, or the business being ill done, or what is very often the case the undertaker getting nothing by the Job. Harriss asserted to the Committee that arms & accoutrements could be made for 3£ or 3.. 10, but I presently demonstrated to him the impossibility & he would not undertake for £4.. or £4.. 10, the Pennsylvanians who have many advantages get from Virg^a^ £5.. 6.. 3 Woodden rammers, and their Guns are not equal any way to those of mine. I hope you will allow there is great difference in the value of Arms. I think I can furnish from 70 to 100 of all sorts, they shall be good, and as I went to work with a sincere spirit to serve my Country I think I should have the value of my Labour. if you will appoint any Man of Candour to deal with me I shall treat him as a friend. I want Brasses & Locks. I wish you could spare me some out of your stock, it would expedite matters.

I am respectfully yr obed. servant. Stephen West.

The Gunsmith at George Town has £4 for his guns without Bayonets, Rammers or Swivells, & but so, so.

Original.

[Magruder to Council.]

Rock Creek May 5th 1776.

Gentlemen: I received your orders yesterday evening and should been glad, to have none the Number of Prisoners that was to be at George Town, I sent of a gard of six men well armed, and if they wanted assistance to apply to some officers at Town. I am Gentlemen Your Hum^l^ Ser^t^

Zad^k^ Magruder.

[Hopkins to Council.] Original.

Baltimore May 5th 1776.

Gentlemen. Agreeable to an order Received from you this day, I have sent one half of every kind of linnen which was in the Magazine viz. Forty Pieces Roles, seventy four Pieces Hessings Forty Five Pieces Oznabrigs and two and half reams Cartridge Paper it being all the paper now in Magazine: I shall render an accot by Capt Fulford of all stores now in the Magazine: The musquets which came in Capt Tibbitt was delivered to Captn Nathl Smith agreeable to an order from you, which was all I have had in the Magazine except one received from Major Gist which he bought for the Province, I did not agree with the Skipper Paul Miller for the Freight of the Linnens you'l please to settle with him:

I am yr mo: Huml Servt

Gerrard Hopkins son Rd

P. S. Capt Smith has 55 musquets.

Monday 6 May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Smyth. Mr Tilghman attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Samuel Miller three Pounds Currency for Boat hire.

Adjourned till next Day.

[Portteus to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 6th May 1776.

Honourable Sirs, Some time ago I did myself the pleasure of waiting on you with two letters of Recommendation, one from William Lux Esqr the other from Major Gist, Intimating that I was willing to serve this Country as far as my abillities was able, as I am Informed there is at present some Resignations, I hope your Honours will be so kind as to think of me, and Grant any Commission that you may think my Character most deserving of, or if not now at any time hereafter that may be most Convenient. I hope if I am so Happy as to be granted a Commission that I shall Discharge my trust with Fortitude & Honour & shall never be Backward when Occasion Requires I have the Honour to subscribe myself Honourable Sirs.

Your most obedt Hble. Servt Robt Portteus

Original. [Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee of observation for Balt. County 6th May 1776

Gentlemen: We received your Letter of the 1st Inst Mr Young had liberty to take the Schooner Ninety two at our last meeting:

We have the pleasure to inform you that our Boom is now laid down and so far secured, that we judge the Vessells that are sunk at Whetstone may be removed, you will therefore please to give orders for that purpose, as soon as you think proper.

We are Gentn Your most humbl Servts
p order. Saml Purviance Junr chairm
Willm Lux V Chn Jas Calhoun
Wm Buchanan John Boyd
Jn° Sterett Willm Aisquith
B. Griffith

C. S. C. [Charles Lee to Jenifer.]

Williamsburg May the 6th 1776.

Dr Sir. I find that I am extremely censured not only by your board but by a multitude of others for my letter to Mr Purviance with respect to the seizure of Mr Edens person and papers, but I really think when the circumstances are explained, that the censure will appear unjust, and that I was neither violent assuming nor precipitate. When the Secretary of States letter to your Governor was put into my hands, I naturally concluded that could we possess ourselves of all Mr Edens papers, the whole machinations of the ministry might be discovered, that this discovery might enable us to prevent their effects, and perhaps defeat the whole plan. the possession of these papers could not be hoped for without previously securing his person and to accomplish this the utmost secrecy and expedition were necessary, now sir, as I imagined you had no troops at Annapolis to execute the purpose (but in this I find I was mistaken) and as I knew there were troops in readiness at Baltimore, and as there was no continental General or other officer in Maryland, Mr Purviance chairman of the committee on the spot where I had conceived troops alone to be stationed, occured to me as the only person to whom I could with propriety and effect make application. had I known Sir, that a Regiment or any troops were stationed at Annapolis, I should undoubtedly, Sir, have addressed myself to you as President of the Council of Safety:

It is said Sir, that Maryland was out of the district of my command that consequently to intrude myself into the busi-

ness and concerns of that province was assuming and arro- C. S.
gant. I really conceive Sir, that when the safety or very being of the whole community appears at stake, the part I have acted in this affair cannot with justice be esteemed arrogance. I did not presume authoritatively to order but as one servant of the Public earnestly to entreat and consider another servant who alone appeared to me to have the means in his hands, to take a certain step of the best importance to the public cause. I must repeat sir, that my reason for addressing myself to Mr Purviance at Baltimore proceeded entirely from my ignorance of there being any troops at Annapolis, and not (as I have been told has been thrown out) from any diffidence in your virtue and decision. I suppose the Committee of Safety here viewed it in the same light, for I read my letter to them and it was approved of. In times like these Sir, I conceive, that when we have received sufficient evidences of any treasonable practices being carried on, and that when it appears to us that the immediate seizure of a particular traitors person may lead to discoveries on which the salvation of the state may depend that when the utmost secrecy and expedition are necessary to the seizure of his person, it is the duty of a good citizen not to delay a single instant, if a single instants delay may prevent the execution. this was the manner I thought it my duty to proceed in the case of Mr Wormley. On the discovery of his correspondence with the Enemy, I gave orders for the security of his person and papers and then refered the affair to the proper tribunal, the Committee of Safety. the measure was so far from giving umbrage or creating jealousy that it met with their unanimous approbation if this method is proscribed, at a juncture like the present, the great check on dangerous correspondence and conspiracies will be taken off if councils are to be held previously to the seizure of any traitors person or papers, notwithstanding the strongest evidences against him I am much mistaken if every traitor does not slip through your hands. I must now, Sir, conclude with assuring you, and the respectable Body over which you preside, that if they suppose me capable of aiming or wishing to extend the military authority, or trespass on the civil, They do me the most cruel injustice, altho I was bred in the army I thank God, the spirit and principles of the citizen were ever predominant, and I solemnly declare that if I thought it possible I should ever be so far intoxicated by military command, as to harbour a wish injurious to the civil supremacy in all things, I would now whilst I retain my senses beg leave to divest myself of my present office and serve as a volunteer in the glorious cause in which I have embarked my person fortune and reputation. What I did in this affair, I did

C. S. C. in the character of a common zealous member of the community, not of an officer. What appeared irregular or offensive in the mode, I hope I have explained to your satisfaction and I entreat that it may be entirely attributed to a mistake for which I am heartily concerned, as it has prejudiced me in the opinions of men whose esteem I am most ambitious of obtaining.

I am Dr Sir, Your most obed^t^ humble Servt

Charles Lee:

To Danl of St Thos Jenifer Esqr Pres^t^ of the Council of Safety of M^d^

Original. [Woolsey to Council.]

Baltimore May 6th 1776.

Gentlemen. I received your favour of the 3^d^ Inst. by Capt Fulford and observe the contents, and never was so much surprised as on the Receipt, on your Informing me that you never heard from me since the 9th Feby which was the time I Contracted with you for the Brig Rogers, and also that it does not appear to you that I have done any thing, In the purchase of her cargo, it certainly must appear to you, that when the Committee took the Vessells here, to sink for the Safety of this Town, that mine was detained as well as all others, & I do suppose that Charles Carrol Esqr must Know that was the Case, however soon after the Otter was here Mr Wm Lux was going to Annapolis, & I requested him to let you know, that my Brig was detain'd, and the Cargo ready to put on board her, and requested your further Instructions, on his Return he told me you had not any further orders to give me but if you had any further you would send them to me hereafter on which account I thought it was unnecessary to give you any more Trouble but Resolved, to load the Vessell as soon as Possession was given to me, unless orders had come from you to the contrary.

Last Monday they gave me Possession, & I now have Nine Hundred Barrells on board her, and I shall have her ready for the sea this Week, and I hope in the end shall give you every necessary Satisfaction, tho you seem to think by what you say in your letter, that I have not laid out the publick money properly, if I had been one of those kind of men, Mr Thomas Jones of this Town, would not have given me a letter to any friend he had, & that time I contracted with you he gave me a few lines to Danl of St Thom^s^ Jenifer Esqr your President. However I must confess I was to blame to trust any man, & see now I should have wrote you in Preference of sending by Mr Lux, but if he has Deceived me I cannot help it now, but

shall for the future never Depend on him or any Man, on such Business.

I am Gentlemen Your most,
Humble Servant: Geo: Woolsey:

[Report of Baltimore County Militia.] Original

Baltimore 6 May 1776.

Honorable Gentlemen: We return you the following list of Companies of Militia formed in this County agreeable to the resolves of the late Convention viz[t]

Cap[t] James Gittings Zacheus Onion 1st Lieu[t] Sutton Gudgeon 2nd Lieu[t] Phillip Chamberlain Ensign	in Gunpowder Upper Hund[d] cont[g] 83 men officers included:
Cap[t] John Tully Young John German, 1st Lieu[t] Philip Colvin 2[d] Lieu[t] W[m] Galloway Ensign	in middle River lower cont[g] 75 men off. included:
Cap[t] Job Garretson John Long 1st Lieu[t] W[m] Groves 2[d] Lieu[t] Joseph Stansbury Ensign	in Back River lower, cont[g] 63 men officers included:
Cap[t] John Mercer. Benj[n] Buck 1st Lieu[t] Will[m] Clark 2[d] d° Benj[n] Stansbury Ensign	in Back River Lower, cont[g] 55 men officers included.
Cap[t] Josias Bowen W[m] Mackubbin 1st Lieu[t] Vincent Green 2[d] d° Job Smith Ensign	in Potapsco Lower, cont[g] 61 Men off. included.
Cap[t] John Standiford Edward Oldham 1st Lieu[t] James Oglevie 2[d] do. Shadrach Green Ensign	in Gunpowder upper cont[g] 53 men officers included.

The above companies together with Cap[t] W[m] Cromwells & Cap[t] James Bosleys, already returned we recommend to compose one Battallion

We are Gent[n] your most obed[t] Sev[ts]
Sam[l] Purviance Jun[r] chair[n]

Will[m] Lux V. Ch[n]	Darby Lux
And. Buchanan	Jn° Merryman Jun[r]
Ja[s] Calhoun	Tho[s] Tollers.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland:

C. S. J. Tuesday 7th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Mr Jenifer and Mr Carroll attended.

Copy of Lre N° 147 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt James Nicholson five hundred and fourteen Pounds on Account of the Forces on Board the Ship Defence.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Mr James Geoghegan One hundred and forty five Pounds seventeen Shillings and six Pence for providing Subsistence for Capt Gunby's Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Winder of Somerset County Eight Pounds five Shillings for guarding Powder as pr Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Thomas Contee six Pounds sixteen Shillings for Rugs and Blankets for the Troops.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 147. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County

7th May 1776.

Gentn

The Quantum of Salvage on Mr Hudson's Ship depends in Congress on the Length of Time she was in possession of the Tender in Patapsco river & we request, as it will occasion a great deal of Trouble and Expence to bring Witnesses for the Purpose before our Board, that you will immediately take and transmit to us the Affidavits of such Persons as are best acquainted with the Time of the Capture and Re-capture that we may communicate them to our Deputies.

7th May 1776

Original. [Greentree to Council.]

Rock Hall May 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have inclosed the receipts of two expresses directed to the delegates in convention for Queen Anns County, and Kent County, the express for Cecill I delivered at John Duckery Thomson Esqr on the 24 April I would have sent them before but as Major Jennopher was going to Philladelphia I showed him the Receipts, and he said it was very well.

I am Gentlemen Your very humbl Sert Isaac Greentree.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety of Md

Received Tuesday the 23d April 1776, about eight oclock in the Evening, by express, from Mr Greentree as the bearer informing me, a letter superscribed "To the delegates in convention for Queen Anns County By express."

Ja. Hollyday.

Recd April 23d 1776, of Mr Isaac Greentree a letter from the Honble Council of Safety directed to the delegates in convention for Kent County. p Wm Slubey:

[Treasurer of Charles County to Council.] Original.

Charles County May 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. The three hundred pounds received by Lieutenant Adams being nearly expended in providing necessarys for Capt Rezin Bealls Company now in Port Tobacco, and the committee for this County not meeting till this day week; I take the opportunity by Lieutenant John Halkerston to draw on you for one hundred and fifty pounds Currency for the purpose of paying for further provisions for said company: The commissary not having as yet prepared for their support, and no certainty as to what time he will be in readiness for that purpose. On Saturday next, one weeks board for the soldiers will be due, which amounts to upwards of Fifty pounds, and I have only Twenty six pounds some odd shillings this day in hand of the former sum, out of which there is rent likewise due for a House hired as a Barrack for said men: for which reasons I hope your Honours will not fail sending the sum now wrote for. I am doubtful that any considerable number of Blankets cannot be got in this County: (Hitherto only eight Blankets have been collected, and those delivered to Capt Beall for the use of his men, who are still in want of more) notwithstanding proper persons have been appointed by the Committee in every district of the County for the purpose of Collecting them:

I am Sirs your most hble Servt

£150.. 0.. 0 Joseph Turner Treasurer for Charles County

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] Original

In Committee, Baltimore Town May 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. The inclosed paper contains opinions, and Sentiments of a certain Alexander Magee, an Inhabitant of this County, which appear to this Commee to be dangerous and inimical to the cause in which America is now embarked on Examining the man, he avowed some of them, and Equivo-

cated as to others, and as he appears to have some influence among the Common people, the Committee thought it their duty to order him into Custody, and to be kept safe till your further directions can be obtained, If you chuse that he should be sent down to you, please to direct in what manner, and by whom to be guarded down, and at whose expence, as the Commanding officer here apprehends he has no Authority to act in the matter further then to guard him till your answer can be received: We are Gent^{l} Your most Humble Servt^{s}

And. Buchanan V. C.

Thomas Harrison	Jno Merryman Junr
Ja^{s} Calhoun	John Cockey
Willm Aisquith	Jno Boyd.

Sentiments, opinions & assertions of Alexander Magee abstracted from a short conversation on Monday the 29th of April 1776 present Doct^{r} Wm Lyon, Mr Robert Lyon & myself, vizt

That Enroling and mustering was taking up arms against the King.

That it was flying in the face of & destroying the Constitution.

That it was perjury to such as had ever taken the oath of Allegiance

That the King and Parliament had a right to Reclaim the American Charters as forfeited:

That the American opposition to great Britain is not calculated or designed for the defence of American Liberty or Property, but for the purpose of enslaving the Poor People thereof:

That Americans were wrong in disputing the matter with Great Britain so far as an appeal to arms for which they had neither Officers, Men nor discipline.

That it was owing to the Lenity & forbearance of Great Britain why she had not convinced us of our Error ere now, two years being hardly sufficient to rouse her to a War with France or Spain much less with her own Subjects, but that after the great slaughter we should suffer the ensuing Campaign those who survived would think better of it:

That he (Magee) would join the Kings troops if he had an opportunity.

That signing a paper did not alter the heart & he knew there was thousands among us who had enroled that was still of his way of thinking:

That he would never pay any fine as a non enroler & would shoot any person who should attempt to execute his effects for that purpose Test. Wm Buchanan

Wednesday 8 May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. John Day Scott six Pounds Eighteen Shillings on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs John Shaw and Archibald Chisholm twenty three Pounds sixteen Shillings and six Pence for stocking Musquets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Thomas Wright nine Pounds eight Shillings and two Pence to defray the Expence of repairing the Guns of indigent Persons belonging to Captains Barnes' and Elliott's Companies of Militia in Queen Ann's County.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. John Weems ninety six Pounds eleven Shillings and four Pence to discharge the Pay of the Companies of Captains Richard Chew, John Deale, Richard Weems and Abraham Simmons when on Duty the 8th of March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Brogden twenty one Pounds sixteen Shillings and three Pence to discharge the Pay of his Company when on Duty on the late Alarm.

A number of Vessels having been sunk in the Channel of the River Patapsco near Whetstone Point for the Safety and Protection of Baltimore Town, and the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County having given Information to this Board by Letter dated 6th Inst. that their Boom is now laid down and so far secured, that they judge the Vessels that were sunk at Whetstone Point might be removed, Therefore Ordered that said Vessels be raised with all convenient Speed under the Directions of said Committee, and that Capt James Nicholson with the Ship Defence and her Tenders assist in executing this Order.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Ewing to Council.] Original

Baltimore 8th May 1776.

Honourable Sirs. When last in Annapolis, I left my acco^{t} with you for your inspection, There was a charge in the acco^{t} Current for bringing my company to station, the amo^{t} of which was left Blank, Inclos'd I send you acc^{t} of sundry Expenses which I paid, which after Deducting what is allowed for recruting & the charge allowed for a fifer leaves £14.. 9.. 11 due me by the Province on that acco^{t} which I hope you will allow as

otherwise I shall be so much looser, the Ballance due exclusive of that is £84.. 12.. 10½ which I will esteem a favour if you will send me by return of the bearer Mr Wm Lux. I have paid several sums since my last acco[t] for sick soldiers, which I doubt not will be allow'd as it is by order of our Surgeon. I am getting Hunting Shirts made for my Company of home made linnen which I bought and paid Mr Edw[d] Parker for @ 3/9 p y[d] I have in that consulted with colonel Wear, who thinks with me that they will not come much dearer than Oznabrigs as the linen being much broader, and one shirt will be worth two. I therefore hope you will allow it.

I have the Honour to be Honourable Sirs.
Your very Hble Serv[t] Tho[s] Ewing.

C. S. J. Thursday 9th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt[n] Peter Adams twelve Pounds, five Shillings Curry for Expences incurred in guarding Alexander Ross to Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the Treasurer afs[d] pay to George Gordon two Pounds fifteen shillings and nine Pence for repairing a Dungeon wherein to confine Culprit-Soldiers.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely four Pounds, nineteen shillings Curry for the Purchase of 12 Iron Potts for the Use of Capt[n] James Hindman's Independent Company.

Ordered, That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to Captain James Hindman one hundred and sixty six Pounds for Subsist of his Company. Ordered, That said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] James Hindman the further sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds for Purchasing of Clothes for his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 148 was sent to Capt James Hindman.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 148. [Council to Hindman.]

To Capt James Hindman

Capt. James Hindman.

Sir. We received your Letters, and are sorry to hear you do not approve of the Muskets sent you from Chester; they were taken from Cap[t] Nath[l] Smith's Company of Matrosses at Baltimore but a few days before, and Mr T. Smyth says they appeared all to be in good Order except a few; they have been in constant use for some Time, and are of the best Sort

belonging to the Province, altho' not new. Whatever Repairs are wanting for them we desire you will have done as soon as possible. We would have you purchase the Muskets you mention at 75/ each and are glad to hear you can get Cloth to cloath your Company. We desire it may be made up as soon as it can be done. The Price you are asked for Houses at Oxford for Barracks is most extravagant and much higher than from the Information we have received ought to be given, and we would request you would endeavour to procure them or others at a lower Rate. Camp Kettles are an Article that cannot be procured in this Province. We have procured you some Potts, which we conceive, as you are now and may for some Time remain at your Baracks, will well answer every Purpose you have occasion for at present. Platters we shall have ready for you next Week and will send by first opportunity; and we have inclosed to you two Orders on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore one for £166, your Subsist-Money to the third of May & £250 for the Purchase of Cloth and the Purposes you have mentioned, and for which you will hereafter render us Account. C. S. C.

8th May 1776

Friday 10th May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Lieut[t] John Halkerston for the use of the Committee of Observation for Charles County, the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds Curry, to provide subsist of Capt[n] Rezin Bealls Company of regular Troops.

Ordered, That Treasurer afs[d] pay to W[m] Lux two thousand Pounds on Acc[t] of Ship Defence.

Adj[d] till next day 10 o'Clock.

[Johnson and others to Council.] Original.

Cecil County May 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. Some time past we wrote to you informing you that Capt[n] Baruch Williams of the 30th Battalion had resigned his Commission as Captain and in consequence thereof we had from our personal knowledge, and agreeable to the Company which Captain Williams was appointed to command recommended Jeremiah Baker to be appointed in his place, and as no commission hath hitherto issued to the said Jeremiah Baker, we must again intrude upon your good-

ness by requesting you as soon as possible if agreeable to you to issue out a commission and forward it by all possible dispatch as it will greatly tend to the satisfaction of that Company & the wellfare of the Battalion. Your compliance will greatly oblige yours with the greatest respect:

Geo. Johnson
Thos Hughes, Jno Hartshorn
Elihu Halls, of Elisha.

Saturday May 11th 1776.

C. S. J. Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Dr John Boyd fifty three Pounds, fifteen shillings Curry, for Medicine purchased of him by Dr Weisenthal, for the use of the Troops of this Province.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to James Dick three Pounds, nineteen Shillings and eight Pence for Iron Potts.

Ordered, That said Treasurer pay to Captn George Stricker thirty five Pounds, nineteen Shillings, for Shoes.

Adjd till Monday 10 o'Clock.

Original. [Grason to Jenifer.]

Wye Queen Anns County May 11th 1776.

Honble Sir, Agreeable to the choice of Capt Bensons Company I was by them appointed first Lieutenant in consequence Recd a commission in due form from you my having removed at a considerable distance from that neighbourhood obliges me to resign and do herewith enclose the commission and renounce the office you were pleased to invest me with.

I am with great respect Sir your Honrs most hble Sevt
Richard Grason.

To the Honble the President of the Convention of Md

Original. [H. Young to Council.]

Baltimore 11th May 1776.

Sirs. Immediately on the alarm of Captn Squires being at the head of our Bay; I ordered Capt Wise of the Nancy (who had not got far down the River) up to our Bason, where she now waits your further orders, & have also stop'd loading out the Schooner Ninety two, which has got about three fourths the Cargo on board, & the remg one in store ready to put on board. I shall be glad to know immediately what in your

opinion is best to be done with those Vessels & Cargoes, whether I am to finish loading the latter, leaving her as she is, or discharging both of them. I am waiting your orders. Gen^{t} your most

Obed^{t} Hble Servt Hugh Young.

Monday 13th May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Weisenthal forty two Pounds, nineteen shillings Curry for Medicine provided by him for the Troops.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Weisenthal forty five Pounds, for 3 month's Pay as Surgeon of the 1st Maryland Battalion. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Dr Wm Dashiell twenty two Pounds, ten shillings for 3 months pay as Surgeon's Mate.

Copy of Letter N° 149 was sent to Col° Wm Smallwood.

Ordered, That Treasurer afs^{d} pay to Captn Edward Veazey seven hundred Pounds on Acc^{t} of his Company.

Ordered That Treasurer afs^{d} pay to Richd Thompson for Use of John Yost one hundred and fifty Pounds to enable him to carry on his Gun Manufactory.

Ordered, That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to James Mills four Pounds, twelve shillings & one Penny Currency for the Carriage of Powder from Chester Town to the Lower Counties on Eastern Shore.

Adj^{d} till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Smallwood.]

To Col° Wm Smallwood C. S. C. No. 149.

Sir.

Twenty six Prisoners are expected from North Carolina to pass through this Province to Pennsylvania, they are to be guarded through Prince Georges County to Queen Anne by the Militia of that County, and are expected to arrive there some Time to Morrow or on Wednesday. We request you would send a Detachment of Thirty of the Regular Troops commanded by a proper Officer to receive said Prisoners at Queene Anne and convey them to Baltimore Town, where you will please order them to be relieved by a like Number of Regular Troops who will convey them by Water, if the Passage be safe, otherwise by Land to the Head of Elk, and so to the Verge of the Province, and deliver them to an Officer of the

c. s. c. Regulars or Militia in the Lower Counties to be thence transmitted to Philadelphia or else where they may be ordered by the Honorable Continental Congress. The Expence you will charge to the Province and render the Account to the Convention or Council of Safety as may be most convenient

May 9th 1776

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore 13 May 1776.

Gentlemen. We recommend the companies as below, to be formed into a Battalion, and request your Honl Body to appoint Field officers for them:

1st	John Cockey Owings 1st Lieutenant	} contg Privates.	
Ad	Richard Colegate 2d Lieutenant		
	Joshua Cockey (of Edwd) Ensign		
2d	Samuel Owings (of Saml) Captain		
	Alexander Wells 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	75
Add	Thomas Owings 2d Lieutenant		
	David Sutherland Ensign		
3d	Richard Owings (of Saml) Captain		
	Joshua Porter 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	58
	Benjamin Lawrence 2d Lieutenant		
	James Barnes Ensign		
4th	Thomas Philips Captain		
	Joshua Dorsey 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	77
	John Chapman 2d Lieutenant		
	Richard Shipley Ensign		
5th	Charles Carnan Captain		
	William Hudson 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	79
	Richard Marsh 2d Lieutenant		
	Thomas Doyle Ensign		
6th	Nathaniel Stinchcomb Captain		
	Joseph Gist 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	76
	John Worthington Dorsey 2d Lieutenant		
	Joshua Owings (of John) Ensign		
7th	Mordecai Hammond Captain		
	Aquila Hooker 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	55
	Richard Davis 2d Lieutenant		
	Edward Parish (of Edwd) Ensign		
8th	Isaac Hammond Captain		
	Christopher Owings 1st Lieutenant	} containing Privates	75
	Saml Merryman Junr 2d Lieutn		
	William Chinoweth Ensign		

We also requested you to grant commissions to the within mentd Gentlemen, except to Capt Benj. Nicholsons company,

the officers of which have already received commissions: C. S. C.
We are with respect, Gent^{n} Your most obed^{t} Servt

Saml Purviance Junr Chai^{r}

Thomas Harrison	Jno Boyd
J. Griest	Thos Gist
Thomas Rutter	And. Buchanan
Thos Tollers	Ja^{s} Gittings
Jno Meryman Junr	John E. Howard
William Wilkinson	Ja^{s} Calhoun
Willm Aisquith	Chas Ridgely (of W^{m})

[Purviance to Council.] Original.

Baltimore 13th May 1776.

Gentlemen. On my return from Annapolis on Saturday I met Captn John Sterrit, to whom I delivered a Packet for you brou^{t} by an Express who was going to Philad^{a} I was directed to request that if you have any commands to Williamsburg intended to be sent by the return of the Express, you may be pleased to lodge them here, as he will call on me, & expects to be here against Thursday, and does not intend to go by Annap^{s}

I am Gentlemen Your hble Servt
Saml Purviance Junr

[B. Nicholson to Council.] Original.

Annapolis May 13th 1776

Gent^{n} I have the Honour of holding a Captains Coms^{n} in the Balt. County Militia w^{h} (for particular private reasons) I must beg your Honours indulgence to resg^{n} I mean not by so doing to withhold my personal service from my Country but assure your Honours that I shall immediately join Captn Sterretts company in Balt. Town wch will be much more agreeable to me & I hope satisfactory to Your Honours.

I am Gent^{n} Y^{r} most ob^{t} serv^{t}
Benjn Nicholson

[Frisby and others to Council.] Original.

Kent County May 13th 1776.

Gentlemen. Since the death of Samuel Griffith my first Lieutenant, my Company has chose Mr Richd Frisby to succeed him, and Mr James Frisby my second Lieutenant, which you'l please to communicate to the Honble Convention of

which you are Members in order that if they approve Commissions may issue: I am Gentlemen

Yr most obedt Servt Wm Frisby

Jos Rollison Ensign, Ricd Williss 1st Sargeant

C. S. J.

Tuesday 14th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Richard Thompson was appointed Supervisor of the Salt Petre Works in the Lower District of Frederick County in the Room of Mr Richardson who had resigned.

It was thereupon Ordered that the Treasurer of Western Shore pay to said Thompson one hundred Pounds alloted by the last Convention for that Purpose.

A Resolve of Congress was communicated to this Board, relative to the apprehension of a certain Moses Kirklan who lately made his Escape from the Jail of Phila wherein he was confined by Order of Congress, and thereupon ordered That Advertisements be immediately inserted in Maryland News-Papers for Apprehension of said Ross as also Copy of said Resolution together with the Advertisement be forthwith transmitted to the Council of Safety of Virginia by Express.

Copy of Letter No 150 was sent to Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Commissions issd to Joseph Douglass appointed Captain, Thomas Eaton, 1st Lieut Joseph Nicolls, 2d Lieut and John Dawson, Ensign of a Compy of Militia in Caroline County belonging to the 14th Battalion of this Province.

Also to Richard Andrews appd Captain, Henry Richards, 1 Lt Samuel Andrew 2d Lieut & Frederick Cawsey, Ensign of a Company in the same County and belonging to the same Battalion.

Also to Charles Baker appd Captain, Moses Johnson 1 Lieut Richd Hutchings 2d Lt & Nichs Amos, Ensign of a Company of Militia in Harford County, belonging to the eighth Battalion.

Also to George Noble Swat appd Capt Nehemiah Noble 1 Lt James Bartlett 2d Lt & Thos Duffey Ensign of an Independent Compy of Militia in Q. Ann's Coty by Virtue of a Special License from the Committee of Observation.

Also to Nathl Pigman appd Captain, Benj. Gaither 1 Lt Saml Riggs 2d Lt & Wm Gaither, Ensign of Militia in the Lower District of Fredk County, belg to 29th Battalion

Commissions issued to Elias Harden appd Captain Allen Bowie Junr 1 Lt James Lackland 2d Lt & Saml Swearingen Ensn of a Company of Militia in the Lower District of Fredk County blg to 29th Battalion.

Copy of Letter N° 151 was sent to Mr Thos Russell N° 152 C. S.
to the Committee of Observation for Kent County No. 153 to
Captain Edward Veazey.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Thos B. Hands Esqr sixteen Pounds, two shillings for 23 Day's Attendance, as a Member of the Council of Safety.

Mr Hands has Leave of Absence

Adj^d^ till next Day.

[Council to Virginia Committee.] C. S. (
No. 15

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia

Gent^n^ We have just now received a Resolution of Congress and an Advertisement, Copies of which we send inclosed. We also transmit you a Copy of a Letter sent us by the Committee appointed to devise Ways and Means for retaking Moses Kirkland.

May 10 1776

[Council to Russell.] No. 1

To Mr. Thomas Russell

Sir. You will please deliver 271 Quarter Barrels of Powder belonging to this Province, that arrived at Indian River together with seventy Pounds of musket-Balls, two brass Blunder-busses & twelve Swords to the Officer that may be appointed to guard the same to Chester Town in Maryland, who will deliver this Letter ; and any Expences you may have been at in landing or guarding the same, shall be paid on application to

May 11th 1776 yrs. &c.

[Council to Kent Committee.] No. 1

To the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

Gent^n^ About 271 Q^r^ Barrels of Gun Powder belonging to this Province have arrived at Indian River in Sussex County, and is now we are informed in the Custody or Possession of Col^o^ John Dagworthy. We request you would hire Waggons to Convey the same from thence to Chester Town, there to wait the further Orders of this Board. A Guard will be appointed by the Captain of the Independent Company in your County, to whom we have wrote on the Occasion

P. S. There are two brass Blunder-Busses, 12 Swords & ab^t^ 70^lb^ Muskett-Ball, which are also to be bro^t^ with the Powder

11th May 1776.

C. S. C. No. 153.

[Council to Veazey.]

To Capt Edm^{d} Veazey

Sir. We have wrote to the Committee of Observation of Kent County to hire Waggons to go to Indian River in Sussex County in order to convey from thence a Quantity of Powder, Ball &^{c} to Chester Town, and as it will be expedient that a Guard should attend the Carriage of Powder, we request you would order one of your Lieutenants with ten Men to accompany the Waggons down, and guard them on their Way back to Chester Town. The greatest Care & Attention is recommended to the Officer you intrust on this Business.

11th May 1776

Original.

[Carlyle to Jenifer.]

Alexandria May 14th 1776

Honb^{l} Sir: The bearer Mr John Fry delivered his packet for the Comttee of Safety in Virginia this Evening at half past eight oClock we shall forward it with the utmost dispatch & am for self & the Committee of Correspondence in Alexandria: Honb^{l} Sir Y^{r} most Obed^{t} Ser^{t}

John Carlyle

C. S. J.

Wednesday, May 15th 1776.

Council met, present as yesterday except Mr Hands.

Commissions issued to Ebenezer Reyner appointed 2 Lieut^{t} of Captn Isaac Perkins's Comp^{y} of Militia in Kent County.

Also to John Shipley app^{d} Ensign of Captn Brice Howard's Comp^{y} of Militia in Ann^{l} Coty, belonging to the Elk Ridge Battalion.

Also to Francis Mastin app^{d} Captain, Richd Speake 1 Lt Heabard Smallwood 2^{d} L^{t} & Wm Jones Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ch^{s} County, belonging to 26th Battalion.

Also to John Bennett app^{d} Captn Wm Hill 1st Lt David Youns 2^{d} L^{t} & Peter Brerdah 3^{d} L^{t} of a Comp^{y} of Lt Inf^{y} in Upper District of Fred^{k} County, belonging to 31st Battalion.

Also to John Usher Charlton app^{d} Captn Thos Flemming 1 Lt Henry Hardman 2 L^{t} & Richd Potts Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in the Middle District of Fred^{k} County bel^{g} to 34th Battalion.

Also to Philip Merony app^{d} Captn Carlton Tannehill 1 Lt Henry Merony 2 L^{t} & Wm Willson Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in same District & bel^{g} to same Battalion.

Also to Rich[d] Balsell app[d] Capt[n] John Martinder 1 L[t] John Shistaker 2 L[t] & Christian Lessar Ensign of a Comp[y] of Mil[a] in same District bel[g] to 37th Battalion. C. S. J.

Commissions issued to Mordecai Beall app[d] Captain, W[m] Beckwith Head 1 L[t] Bigger Head 2 L[t] & Isaac Miller Ensign of a Company of Militia in Mid: Dist. of Fred[k] Co[ty] bel[g] to 37th Battalion of this Province.

Also to James Ogle app[d] Captain, Henry Mathews 1 L[t] George Neet 2 L[t] & Ignatius Elder, Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia in same District & of same Battalion.

Also to Philip Smith Jun: app[d] Capt[n] W[m] Carmach Jun. 1 L[t] John Kennedy 2 L[t] & John Parkison Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia in same District, belonging to same Battalion.

Also to John M[c]Clester app[d] Captain, Samuel Townsend 1 L[t] Cha[s] Hickman 2[d] & George Jones Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia in Somerset County belonging to first Battalion.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to James Tootle forty nine pounds, seventeen shillings, for building Magazine.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jam[s] Tootle twenty four Pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence, for Subsist of the Severn Batt[n]

Ordered That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to Captain Tho[s] Woolford one hundred Pounds on Acc[t] of his Comp[y]

Commissions issued to Ebenezer Handy app[d] Captain, George Parsons 1 L[t] James Purdue 2[d] L[t] & Boaz Walston Ensign of a Company of Militia in Worc[r] County, belonging to 10th Battalion.

Ordered, That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Col[o] George Dashiell eighteen Pounds for 3 Month's Pay of his Adjutant.

Commissions issued to Elijah Shockley app[d] Capt[n] Ja[s] Johnson 1 L[t] Stephen Bucham 2 L[t] & Elijah Casey Ensign of a Company of Militia in Worc[r] County.

Also to Jesse Gray app[d] Capt[n] Jesse Davis 1 L[t] Ja[s] King 2 L[t] & Elihu Hazard Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia Worc[r] Co[ty] bel[g] to 10th Battalion.

Also to Tho[s] Warring app[d] Capt[n] Ja[s] Prather 1 L[t] Tho[s] Humphrey's 2[d] L[t] & John Jere. Jacob En[n] of a Comp[y] of Militia in Shipton District of Fred[k] Co[ty]

Adjourned to next Day 10 °'Clock.

[W. Richardson to Council.] Origi

Gentlemen: As M[r] John Stevens 2[d] Lieu[t] of Capt[n] Joseph Richardson's Company has resigned his Commission; and

Doct^{r} Zebdiah Potter Ensign of the same Company, being appointed surgeon of the 14th Battalion of Militia, it is necessary to fill those vacancies. I therefore hope Commissions will issue to Thomas Wynn Loockerman as 2^{d} Lieu^{t} & to Alexander Waddell as Ensign, who are entitled thereto by rotation. I shall take care to return the former Commissions by first Oppurtunity.

I am Gen^{t} Your most Obed^{t} Servt

May 15th 1776. Wm Richardson.

riginal. [Beatty and Johnson to Council.]

Annapolis May 15th 1776.

Gent^{n} The Company which Maj^{r} Benj^{a} Ogle command has made choice of James Ogle as their Capt who was either 2nd Lieu^{t} or Ensign when Maj^{r} Ogle command. from information the company is perfectly satisfied and it is their wish that Commissions may issue as they have recommend. we are personally acquainted with Mr Ja^{s} Ogle and think him a proper person to superseed his Brother:

We are Gen^{t} yr^{s} C. Beatty. B. Johnson.

Thursday 16th May 1776.

. S. J. Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commissions iss^{d} to John Rothe app^{d} Captn Robt Harrison 1 Lt Jos^{h} Harrison Junr 2^{d} L^{t} & Thos Harrison Ensign of a Company of Militia in Talbot Co^{ty} belonging to 38th Battalion.

Also to Nich^{s} Martin app^{d} Captn John Singleton 1 Lt Thos Delihay 2 L^{t} & David Robinson, Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Talbot Co^{ty} bel^{g} to 38th Battalion.

Also to James Lloyd app^{d} Captn Thos Coward 1st Lt Levin Spreden 2 L^{t} & Sol^{o} James Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Talbot Co^{ty} belonging to 4th Battalion.

Also to Richd Keene son of W^{m} app^{d} Ensign of Captn Fountleroy's Comp^{y} of Militia in Caroline County belonging to 28th Battalion.

Also to Saml Smith app^{d} Captn Jno Stevenson 1 L^{t} & Jam^{s} Cain Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Harford County belonging to 23^{d} Battalion.

Also to Saml Griffith app^{d} Captn & John Hall Hughes 1st L^{t} of a Comp^{y} of same County and same Battalion.

Also to George Patterson app^{d} Captn of a Comp^{y} of same Co^{ty} and same Battalion.

Also to Henry Willson Junr appd Captn of a Compy in same C. S. J.
Coty and same Battalion.

Also to John Daugherty appd Captn Francis Baker 1st Lt Wm Marsh Cartrop 2 Lt & Jams Gibson Ensign of a Compy of Militia in Talbot County belg to 4th Battalion.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Captn Peter Adams twenty three Pounds, nineteen shillings and six Pence for making Clothes for his Compy

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Ensign Benj. Chalmers three Pounds, thirteen shillings and seven Pence, for Expences incurred in apprehending Alexr Ross.

Brigadier General Hooper having formed the following Companies into a Corps, ordered that Commissions issue agreeable to his Recommendation, as follow, to William Travers appd Colonel, Daniel Falker Major, & Levin Parker Qr Master of said Corps.

Also to Henry Lake appd Captn Levy Willen 1 Lt Luke Robinson 2 Lt & John Todd Ensn of a Compy of said Corps. Also to Matts Traverse appd Captn Jn° Askom Travey 1 Lt Alexr Tolly 2 Lt & Philip Ferguson Ensn of a Compy of said Corps.

Also Captn McNemara's Compy heretofore commissioned, & a fourth Compy consisting of 43 Men hereafter to be commissioned by spl License of the Committee of observation for Dorcr County.

Ordered, That the Colonel and Major of said Corps rank as Lieutenant Colonel and Second Major.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Major Price 25 of the smallest Gun Locks imported in Captn Tibbett for Mr White Riflemaker.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Col° Weems sixty four pounds, seven shillgs & nine Pence for Pay of his Battalion, when on Duty.

Copy of Letter N° 154 was sent to Committee of Safety of N° Carolina.

N° 155 to Committee of Safety of Observation at Wilmington in New Castle County.

Adjd till next Day.

[Council to N. Carolina Committee of Safety.] C. S. C. No. 154.

To the Committee of Safety of North Carolina

Gentn We received yours of the 23rd April, inclosing List of Prisoners to be safely kept in this Province, also List of others to be conveyed to Pennsylvania. We have given the necessary Orders on the Occasion; the Expences we shall

C. S. C. defray for the present not doubting but our Province will hereafter be re-imbursed.

We have since received a Letter from your Congress with a List somewhat different from yours. We shall transmit Copies to Pennsylvania. You will be pleased to send us a written Memorial or State of their Case, so far as relates to the Prisoners to be confined here, that we may know how to treat them properly.

12th May 1776

No. 155. [To New-Castle County Committee.]

To Committee of Observation for New-Castle County

Gentn

We send you inclosed a List of the Prisoners from North Carolina, as also Copies of the Letters we have received from the Congress there and Committee of Safety. You will please give the necessary Orders for having the Prisoners conveyed safe to Philadelphia, or to such Place as may be directed by the Honble Continental Congress or Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania. Be pleased also to send Copies of the Letters forward by Express.

12th May 1776

C. S. J. Friday 17th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to En: Haynes one hundred Pounds on Acct of Prisoners of N° Carolina.

Adjd till next Day 10 °'Clock.

Saturday 18th May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Joseph Middleton ninety one Pounds, five Shillings, it being the Balance of his Acct for furnishing a Pilot Boat to 3rd Day of Inst

Adjd 'till Monday 10 °'Clock

Original. [Woolford to Council.]

Cambridge 19 May 1776.

Sir, I shall be very much obliged to you to inform the Convention of the opportunity (to send p the Boat who brings

this letter) of sending the remainder of the peoples Blanketts as the vessell belongs near to this place. the whole that my company has had is 59 rugs and blanketts, and are in great want of the remainder as well as their Cloathes for some have scarce Cloaths to cover them with. from Sir you very humble Servant. Thomas Woolford.

N. B. I have had but 54 muskets and 6 rifles for the compy as yet. T. W.

Monday 20th May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Wm Lux Agent for Ship Defence two hundred Pounds.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Nichs Thomas for use of Major Jere: Banning one Pound, four Shillings and eight Pence for his military Attendance on late Alarm.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Price for use of Captn Thos Woolford's Company of Regulars ten Rifles, with ten Powder Horns & Pouches, twenty nine Muskets with Bullet Moulds equivalent and also thirty seven Blankets.

Ordered That Western Shore pay to Colo Geo. Plater for the use of John Mason, two Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence for shott sold to Captn J. A. Thomas.

Ordered That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to Brigadier General Chamberlaine forty one Pounds, thirteen shillings and five Pence for Pay of Militia in Talbot County on Duty in late Alarm.

Copy of Letter No 156 was sent to Gerard Hopkins Deputy Commissy at Balt. Town.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to George Gordon twenty Pounds & also the further sum of seven Pounds, ten shillings (in seperate Orders) in Part-Payment for Gun Carriages.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Colo Richd Barnes thirty one Pounds nine shillgs & two Pence for Pay & Subsist of a Compy of his Battalion on Duty on late Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Jas Royston one Pounds, fifteen Shillings & three Pence Curry for Work done to Wheel-Carriages.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Garretson one Pound, seventeen shillgs & nine Pence for sundrys furnished Captn Fulford.

C. S. J. Commissions iss^{d} to Robt Owen app^{d} Captn Edwd Crow 1 Lt Chas Penn 2^{d} L^{t} & Thos Conner Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Lo: Dist: of Fred^{k} Co^{ty} bel^{g} to 16th Battalion.

Ord^{d} That Commiss^{y} of Stores deliver to Lt Ely Dorsey for Use of Captn Watkins's Indep^{t} Comp^{y} 11 Rifles with Powder Horns & Pouches, & 27 Muskets with Bullet Moulds equivalent thereto.

Adj^{d} till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 156.

[Council to Hopkins.]

To Gerard Hopkins Junr

Sir:

The Council of Safety are desirous of knowing what public Arms are at Baltimore Town, in the Magazine, in the hands of the Manufacturers or elsewhere; and request you would immediately send them down, if there be twenty or upwards, that a Distribution may be made amongst the Independent Companies. We want but few Arms now including those we have here to arm all the Companies compleatly.

14th May 1776

Original.

[Ridgely's Memorial.]

To the Honble the Convention of the Province of Maryland now sitting:

The memorial of Henry Ridgely of Elkridge, in Anne Arundel County most humbly sheweth, that your Memorialist did early in Life quit a Domestick Happiness to commence soldier, and had the Honor of Commanding a Company of Rangers on the western Frontiers of this Province, soon after the defeat of General Braddock in the year 1755, at which time the cruel savages were laying waste the Country & murdering the Inhabitants, & that your Memorialist's Conduct & Behaviour in that service was approved of by Col^{l} Sharp then Governor of Maryland, and on your memorialists quitting the Ranging service was promoted to the Command of the Elkridge Troop of Horse, which station he filled many years, to the entire Satisfaction of his field officers; Whereupon the late Governor Sharp promoted him to be a Major of the County aforesaid, in the year 1761, & he was continued as such until the year 1773 when the present Governor Eden raised your Memorialist to the office of Lieutenant Col^{l} in said County. Your memorialist further begs leave to inform your Honours, that after perusing the Proceedings of the Convention held in the latter part of the year 1774, he was one of

the first men in the Elkridge District, that requested a meeting of the people, to form themselves into a Company of Militia, which was accordingly done & Mr John Burgess chosen Capt, your Memorialist having declined that Honour, altho unanimously offered to him, knowing he could be of more service to the cause in assisting in the formation of other Companies; And accordingly in the month of June last, your Memorialist went into the neighbourhood of Mr Thos Dorsey who had been six months unsuccessfully striving to raise a Company; and after advertizing a Meeting of the Inhabitants a number of them met & would have chosen your Memorialist Captain, but were prevailed upon by him to chose Mr Thos Dorsey their Capt who appeared exceedingly desirous of the Command. Your memorialist conceives that agreeable to the resolves of the late Convention he is exempt from serving in the Militia as a private, or in any station lower than he hath heretofore filled, nevertheless, as the Honble Convention did not distinguish between the officers commissioned under the legal or old Form of Government, & those under the authority of the Convention, your Memorialist did enroll himself as a private in Capt Tootell's Company altho at the distance of twenty miles from his Habitation, rather than be harassed by the Committee of Observation composed entirely of Militia officers except one man, And to avoid the indignity of being commanded by the first officer of the Elkridge Battalion who most shamefully & cowardly quited his post when under your Memorialists Command twenty one years ago. Your Memorialist hath nothing more to ask of your Honours than a candid Consideration of this Memorial & pass a resolve for his Exemption from further Duty as a Militia man, at the same time he most solemnly assures your Honors that he doth not desire or intend to withdraw himself from the service of his native Country but on the Contrary will stand forth as far as in his power layeth as (a Volunteer or an Independant with the stoutest champion for American Liberty: In full expectation of a favorable issue, the above is most chearfully submitted to the consideration of your hon^ble^ House by your Memorialist:

Elkridge May the 20th 1776. H. Ridgely:

[Baltimore Committee to Council.] C. S. C.

In Com^ee^ Baltimore 20 May 1776.

Gentlemen. We are favoured with your letter of the 15th inclosing a copy of a certain Purnall Johnson's Petition to your Hon^l^ House, and your resolve thereon, in answer to which we beg leave to inform you, that we are possessed of no facts relative to any disputes on Mr Johnson's account, and so far

C. S. C. from having questioned the justice thereof, we have never yet seen, nor has he ever laid it before us. This Committee, sometime ago, sent down to the Council of Safety, a state of a certain Alexander McGee's case, and wished to know their further directions on it. We understand the affair has been laid before your Hon^l House, if so, be pleased to inform us of your determination therein, as the man is still under guard, in care of the commanding officer of the regular troops here, who is anxious to have him discharged, or to receive your particular instructions concerning him:

We are Gentlemen:
Your obed^t Hum^l Serv^ts

Jn° Smith Cha^n P. T.	Ja^s Calhoun
John Cradock	Thos Sollers
Thomas Harrison	Thos Gist
John E. Howard	William Wilkinson
Jn° Boyd	T. Griest.

To Charles Carroll Esqr Barrister.

Original. [Nathaniel Smith to Council.]

Gentlemen

I now send you enclos'd, an Acc^t of the Cannon, Stores &c, under my care, at Whetstone Point, I shoud have sent it sooner, but weighted to git some of the Cannon on Carriges which the workmen promised to have done much sooner then they preformed.

Five nine pounders, come down this day, from Messrs Hughes's, which appear much better then aney they have made before, strong & well preportioned.

The Waggoners informed me that none of this Construction had burst.

I shoud be glad to have Orders to git a Flagg for the Fort, & to know what Device you wou'd have on it (if aney), as soone as Convenient, must beg, you wou'd speak to the Honbl^e Convention in Regard of a Magezine, as we Cannot possibly do well without it, & likewise to give me Orders how I am to Conduct myself in Regard to Vessells passing & repassing the Fort, or aney other thing Regarding the Conducting the Affairs About the Fort

I have drawn on you in favour of Mr And^w Sterret fore one hundred pounds which hope will be honor'd I shoud have furnish'd the Remainder of my Acc^t but severell pepole I have had Articals from are now out of town as soone as I can git there Acc^ts shall furnish you with the whole

I am Gentlemen
Your m° Obli^d Hble Servt
Nathl Smith

Baltimore
May the 20th 1776

Tuesday 21st May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Taylor fifteen Pounds in Part for Gun Carriages.

Ordd That said Treasurer pay to William Lux for Use of Wm Hooffman five Pounds, fourteen Shillings for 19 Reams of Cartridge Paper.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Lieutt W. Sterrett for Use of Captn Saml Smith twenty Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence for boarding & nursing his sick men. Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Majr Price one hundred & thirty two Pounds fifteen shillings and six Pence for Leather Breeches Intrenching Tools &c. delivered into the Magazine for the use of the Troops.

Ordered That the Treasurer of Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds for Expresses and other trifling Expenditures.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Wednesday 22d May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Colo Joshua Beall one hundred and forty six Pounds, five shillings for Pay and Subsist of his Battalion when on Duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to said Colo Beall eighty seven Pounds, eight Shillings and five Pence for Expences in guarding the Magazine at Bladensburgh, and attending the Delivery of Powder &c:

Ordered That Captains of the Brigs Fortune and Rogers & Schooner 92 immediately order their Vessels down to the Port of Annapolis and wait upon the Council of Safety for Instructions and sailing Orders.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Balto Town deliver to Captn Campbell (on Loan) 300wt of sheet Lead.

Copy of Letter No 157 was sent to Captn Nathl Smith.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Hugh Young twelve hundred Pounds Curry for Amt of Insurance of Brig Nancy Captn Wise.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Hugh Young eighty three Pounds, fifteen Shillings and one Penny Curry for Balance of Schooner Ninety two Cargo.

Copy of Letter No 158 was sent to Captain Jas Nicholson.

Commissions issued to Wm Morgan appointed Captain,

C. S. J. John Farmer 1 L[t] Dan[l] Root Jun[r] 2 L[t] and W[m] Prigg Jun[r] Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia in Harford County.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to W[m] Brown five Pounds, fifteen Shillings for supplying South River Batt[n] with Provisions, when on Duty.

Ord[d] That said Treasurer pay to W[m] Nevin forty Pounds in Part Acc[t] for Ramrods &c.

Ord[d] That said Treasurer pay to Captain John Gunby one hundred & twenty six Pounds, seventeen shillings and nine Pence for Bal[a] of his general Acc[t] to 3rd Inst[t]

Adj[d] 'till next Day.

C. S. C. No. 157.

[Council to N. Smith.]

To Captain Nath[l] Smith

Sir.

Capt[n] Campbell has applied to our Board to exchange two Pieces of Cannon for two Pieces of Cannon belonging to the Province—four Pounders. Those he has are too long for the Service he is going on. If his Cannon are good of the Kind, and will answer the public Service we are willing to make the Exchange and desire you would let Capt[n] Campbell have two of the four Pounders now at the Battery.

15th May 1776

No. 158.

[Council to Nicholson.]

To Capt[n] James Nicholson

Sir.

We have received Information that there are no Vessels of War below except the Otter and Eilbock, and that most of the Tenders are gone to the Carolina Coast to protect the Transports on their Arrival there; in consequence of which we have ordered down the Briggs Fortune and Rogers and the Schooner Ninety Two with valuable Cargoes of Bread Flour &c and require you will give them what Assistance you can in getting out, if you see a Probability of their running thro', but if from any certain Intelligence which you may receive, you should think it most likely they may fall into the Hands of the Enemy if they proceed, we would have you immediately order them to return to Baltimore. It is a Matter of great Consequence to the Province to have these Vessels get safe out if possible, and we would have them convoyed down as low as you think you can venture with safety to yourself.

May 20th 1776 We are y[r] mo: obed[t] Serv[ts]

P. S. Order the Boat which will deliver you this to speak the Vessels on their Way down the Bay & let them know when to join you. C. S. C.

[Virginia Convention to Council.]

Virginia May 22^{d} 1776.

I am honored with the Commands of the General convention of this colony to transmit you the inclosed resolutions, which they have thought it indispensably necessary to enter into at this important crisis; requesting you will communicate their contents to the convention of your County for their consideration. I have the Hon^{r} to be Sir Your most obed^{t} Servant

Edm^{d} Pendleton President

[Resolutions of Virginia Convention.]

Virginia. In Convention Wednesday May 15th 1776.

Present 112 Members: For as much as all the endeavours of the united colonies, by the most decent representations and petitions to the King and Parliament of Great Britain, to restore peace and security to America under the British Government, and a reunion with that people upon just and liberal terms, instead of a redress of Grievances have produced from an imperious & vindictive administration, increased insult, oppression, and a vigorous attempt to effect our total destruction. By a late act, all these colonies are declared to be in Rebellion, and out of the protection of the British Crown, our properties subjected to confiscation, our people when captivated, compelled to join in the murder and plunder of their relations and countrymen, and all former rapine and oppression of Americans declared legal and just. Fleets and armies are raised, and the aid of foreign troops engaged to assist these destructive purposes. The Kings representative in this colony hath not only withheld all the powers of Government from operating for our safety, but having retired on board an armed ship is carrying on a piratical and savage war against us, tempting our slaves, by every artifice to resort to him, and training and employing them against their masters. In this state of extreme danger, we have no alternative left but an abject submission to the will of those overbearing tyrants, or a total separation from the crown and Government of Great Britain, uniting & exerting the strength of all America for Defence, and forming alliances with foreign powers for commerce and aid in war, Wherefore, appealing to the searcher of hearts for the sincerity of former declarations, expressing

C. S. C. our desire to preserve the connection with that nation, and that we are driven from that inclination by their wicked councils, and the eternal laws of self preservation, Resolved, unanimously, that the delegates appointed to represent this colony in General congress be instructed to propose to that respectable Body to declare the united colonies free and independant states, absolved from all allegiance to, dependence upon the crown or Parliament of Great Britain ; and that they give the assent of this colony to such declaration, and to whatever measures may be thought proper and necessary by the Congress for forming foreign alliances, and a confederation of the colonies, at such time and in the manner, as to them shall seem best provided, that the power of forming Government for, and the regulations of the internal concerns of the colony, be left to the respective colonial Legislatures: Resolved unanimously, that a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration of Rights and such a plan of Government as will be most likely to maintain peace and order in this colony, and secure substantial and equal Liberty to the people:

Edm^{d} Pendleton Pres^{t}

C. S. J. Thursday 23^{d} May 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Col^{o} John Steell eighteen Pounds for three Months Pay of his Adj^{t}

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captn Fulford one hundred and one Pounds, nine shillings for Gun Carriages.

Ordered that Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town deliver to Messrs Danl and Saml Hughs whatever Quantity of Powder that may be necessary for the Proof of Cannon to be supplied the Province according to his Contract.

Commss^{ns} iss^{d} to Stephen Hyland app^{d} Captn Wm Veazy 1 Lt Wm Mauldin 2 L^{t} and Nathan Arrants Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Cæcil County.

Also to Wm Clayland app^{d} Captn in Joseph Bruffs Comp^{y} of Militia in Talbot Co^{ty} belonging to 4th Battalion.

Also to Robert Hall app^{d} Ensign of Captain Jacob Gibson's Comp^{y} in same County and bel^{g} to same Battalion.

Also to Jon^{a} Abell app^{d} 1 Lt Perry Benson 2 L^{t} & Jon^{a} Gibson Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Talb^{t} Co^{ty} bel^{g} to 38th Battalion.

Also to John Impey Dawson app^{d} 2 L^{t} and James Lowe Ensign of Captn Haddaman's Comp^{y} of Militia in same Co^{ty} bel^{g} to same Battalion.

An Order having heretofore passed this Board for weighing C. S. J.
the Vessels sunk in the Channel of the River Potapsco near Whetstone Point and that Captn James Nicholson with the Ship Defence and her Tenders should assist in executing the same, which Order hath not hitherto, we are informed, been complied with, by Reason of the necessary Absence of Captain Nicholson and one or both of his Tenders, we therefore being desirous of having said Vessels weighed with all convenient speed Do request that Messrs Jesse Hollingsworth, Isaac Vanbebber, and Benjamin Griffith, or any two of them would cause said Vessels to be weighed up at the public Expence and do hereby authorize and impower them, or any two of them to employ proper Vessels and Labourers for that Purpose, and to call to their Assistance the Ship Defence or her Tenders, when they return to the Harbour of Baltimore Town, and further to cause said Vessels to be re-appraised on Oath rigged and otherwise put in the same State they were in when sunk, as near as may be, and return an Account of said Re-appraisement and of Expences from Time to Time to the Council of Safety.

Ordered That Colo Beall be requested to send the Muskets made by John Yost at George Town to Port Tobacco in Chas County for the Use of Captain Rezin Beall's Company of Regular Troops stationed there & also send the Powder now at Bladensburgh to a Magazine near Captain Tootle's in the Neighbourhood of Annapolis in a Waggon hired for that Purpose.

Ordered That Colonel Smallwood be requested to detach an Ensign with a Sergeant and four Privates to guard the Powder now in the Possession of Colonel Beall from Bladensburgh to the Magazine near Captn Tootle's in the Neighbourhood of Annapolis.

Ordered that Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Ennalls one hundred and forty Pounds, six Shillings and four Pence for Pay of his Battalion on Duty.

Ordd That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colo Wm Richardson twelve Pounds for two month's Pay of an Adjt to his Battalion.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Robert Cummings one thousand Pounds for victualling Troops.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Isaac Harriss 5w Powder for proving Muskett Barrels.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Messrs Danl & Saml Hughes five hundred Pounds, as Advance money on Acct of Contract for Cannon.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

Original. [Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town May the 23d 1776.

Gentlemen. Since my return home I have agreed with Robert Reed of this place blacksmith for 10 musketts for acct of the Province at 85/ each they are all finished and only wait your Determination to confirm my Contract before they are delivered. they are strong good Musketts with Bayonets 17 inches long steel ramrods & double Bridle Locks and have been all proved. If you should think fitt to confirm what I have done herein please to send the money by the first opportunity as the Smith wants it to enable him to go on with his Business. The Committee of Observation for this County have in pursuance of your Request of the 14th instant hired 4 waggons to proceed to Sussex County for the province powder &c which the Council has directed to be brought here and will want money sent them for the Payment of the Waggon hire which you will please to send by the first Oppertunity. the Committee have agreed to pay the Waggoners 22/6 p day each, as soon as the powder arrives here the Committee will acquaint your honors thereof be pleased to return me your answer hereto by the first oppertunity. I am with the most perfect Esteem.

Gent your most obedt hble Servt
Thos Smyth:

Original. [Woolsey to Council.]

Baltimore the 23d May 1776.

Gentlemen. The bearer Capt Thos Ridly of the Brig Rogers will deliver this to you, and I make no doubt you will give him orders to sail Directly Indeed I have already been at a considerable Expence by the Delay the Vessell has met for the benefit of the Publick. but I make no doubt of being Reimbursed on applycation. I would have gone down with the Captn but neither my health, nor Business will permit me, therefore would have been obliged much if you had paid my order for the ballance to Mr Young the first opportunity shall send you a second invoice and the Valuation of the Vessell. and am Gentlemen your most

Humble Servant. Geo: Woolsey:

Original. [Beall to Council.]

23d May 1776.

To the Honble Council of Safety of Maryland:

Gentn For discharge of my duty as a field officer of the Militia I beg leave to lay the following information before you

viz[t] That on the 27th of April last, it being a field day for half the Battalion I command, Capt[n] Rich[d] Bennett Hall refused attending his company in the field.

That on the 11th instant Lieut[s] Jonathan Wright & Jeremiah Riley of Capt[n] Abraham Boyds company while under arms in the field behaved in a very mutinous manner, & seemed much inclined to encourage the same Disposition among the men of the company they belong[d] to. If your Hon[rs] think it expedient to issue a commission for holding a Court Marshall to inquire into the conduct of those Gentlemen. For the support of the charge ag[t] Cap[n] Hall summons M[rs] Baruck Ducket & W[m] Thomas adjutant to the Battalion. For the support of the charge ag[t] the other two summons should issue for Maj[r] Thomas Williams Capt[ns] Abraham Boyd & Basil Warring & W[m] Thomas the Adjutant:

I am Gent[n] yr. very Hum[l] Serv[t] Jos. Beall

Friday 24th May 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay Col[o] Tho[s] Contee for use of John Stonestreet three Pounds, thirteen Shillings & two Pence on Acc[t] of N[o] Carolina Prisoners.

Ordered That Treasurer of Western Shore pay to W[m] Neele for Use of Hugh Young fourteen hundred and eighty five Pounds, eight shillings and eleven Pence for Am[t] of Cargo of Brig Beith.

Ord[d] that said Treasurer pay to Mess[rs] Lux & Bowly eight hundred and thirty two Pounds, fifteen Shillings and three Pence, the Balance of their Gen[l] Acc[t] of Ship Defence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Tibbett thirty nine Pounds, six Shillings and five Pence for Wages and other Disbursements when on Board the Wicked Dick.

Copy of Letter N[o] 159 was sent to Committee of Safety of N[o] Carolina.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to M[r] Tho[s] Ringgold five hundred Pounds to enable him to prosecute a Salt Works on his Bond.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to W[m] Tillard seven Pounds, ten Shillings and six Pence for Am[t] of M[rs] Furguson's Acc[t] and his own for providing Subsistence of South River Battalion.

Commissions issued to Denwood Hicks app[d] Capt[n] Moses Lecompte 1 L[t] Henry Keene 2 L[t] & John Budd Ensign of a Comp[y] of Militia in Dorchester County

Also to Joseph Robson app[d] Captain, Moses Lecompte 1 L[t]

C. S. J. Commissions issued to Thomas Wynn Lockerman app^{d} 2 L^{t} and Alexander Waddell Ensign of Captn Joseph Richardson's Company of Militia in Caroline County, bel^{g} to 14th Battalion.

Also to Planmer Williams appointed Captain Benjamin Schoolfield 1 Lt Ebenezer Finley 2 L^{t} and Thomas Williams Ensign of a Company of Militia in Somerset County belonging to 17th Battalion.

Also to Nathaniel Potter, heretofore app^{d} by Convention, Captain of a Company of Militia in Caroline County belonging to 14th Battalion, also to Thomas Bourk app^{d} Captain of the Cambridge Blues, heretofore commissioned by the Convention, but having mislaid or lost their Commissions, It is ordered that they rank as if they held their Commissions under the Appointment of the Convention in January last.

Adjourned till next Day

C. S. C. No. 159.

[Council to N. Carolina Committee.]

To Committee of Safety of N^{o} Carolina.

Gent^{n} We are informed by Mr Hugh Young that 500^{wt} of Powder belonging to this Province arrived at Newbern in N^{o} Carolina from St Eustatia shipp'd by Captn Abraham Vanbebber on Board of Captn Luce. You will probably want the Powder, therefore we have given him no Order for it's Removal, but will exchange, if you think proper for the same Quantity to be delivered us by your Delegates at Philadelphia

May 25th 1776

Original.

[Young to Council.]

Baltimore 24th May 1776

Sirs. Two days before I went to Annapolis, I had the Schooner Ninety two valued at £500 by four men chosen by the owners, (Cravath & Dugan) & which agreement they seemed well satisfied with, having at the same time agreed to find her two sails, which I promised to add to that sum with any other repairs might be thought necessary after this valuation, however on my return they chose four other men to value said Schooner, which they did at £750 tho' I believe they have not given her £50 repairs since the first Valuation, such proceedings I think unjust & do not think it right to put up with I shall be glad to have your orders what to do in this case, as they have stopt the vessell till I agree to allow the

latter valuation, these circumstances I can prove by two creditable Merchtˢ a Master Builder & Sailmaker.

I am Gentⁿ yʳ obedᵗ Hbˡ Servᵗ
Hugh Young.

P. S. I would not willingly pretend to dictate to your board, but would beg leave to mention it as my opinion that you would give the owners some orders about her. The two Brigs I suppose will get down to morrow. I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject by return of the bearer Mʳ W. Tolleys servant, who just now waits for this:

Saturday May 25th 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Richᵈ Tilghman Earle thirty shillings for Brimstone lodged in Chˢ Wallaces Store.

Ordered That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to John Gebion three Pounds for the Carriage of Letters, Packetts &c to Eastern Shore.

Ordered That Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County, or their Order nineteen Pounds & one Penny for sundries by them expended for public uses as pʳ Accᵗ filed.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Robt. Goldsborough Esqʳ or Order forty five Shillings for so much by him paid an Express from Cambridge to Commee of Somerset County.

Commissions issued to Walter Tolly juʳ appᵈ Colonel, Darby Lux Lᵗ Colº James Gittings 1 Majʳ Thomas Sollers 2ᵈ Majʳ & Benjamin Rogers Quarter Master of the Gun Powder Battalion in Baltimore County.

Also to Wᵐ Buchanan appᵈ Colonel John Moale Lᵗ Colº Benjamin Nicholson 1 Major, Thomas Jones 2ᵈ Major and James Calhoun Q. M. of Baltimore Town Battalion in Baltimore County.

Also to Thomas Gist Senior appointed Colonel, Samuel Owings Lᵗ Colº John Cradock 1 Majʳ Isaac Hammond 2ᵈ Majʳ & Joseph Gist Q. M. of Soldier's Delight Battalion in Baltº County.

Copy of Letter Nº 160 was sent to Captain Ridley, Mawbrey & Sund respectively.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Wᵐ Neile of Baltimore Town fifteen hundred and forty five Pounds, ten Shillings and four Pence for the Schooner Nancy and the Amount of her Cargo, insured by this Province, and captured at Sᵗ Eustatia.

C. S. J. Commiss^{s} iss^{d} to James Martin app^{d} Captain, Wm Handy j^{r} 1 Lt Wm Selby (of W^{m}) 2 L^{t} and Patrick Glasgow Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Worcester County, belonging to the 10th Battalion.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colonel James Murray seven Pounds, ten shillings c^{y} for the Paym^{t} of Carriage of public Arms from Dorchester Co^{ty} to Worcester.

Ordered That Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town deliver to Isaac Harriss, or his Order all the Gun Locks now in the public Magazine at that place.

Ordered That the Commissioners appointed to supervise the Gun Lock Manufactory at Frederick Town, deliver to Major Price or his Order all the Gun Locks already manufactured for public use.

Commss^{s} iss^{d} to Zacheus Onion app^{d} Captn Sutton Gudgeon 1 L^{t} & Philip Chamberlaine 2 L^{t} of a Comp^{y} of Mil^{a} in Balt^{o} Co^{ty} belonging to Gun Powder Batt^{n}

Also to John Tully Young app^{d} Captn John German 1 Lt Philip Colvin 2 L^{t} & Wm Galloway Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Mil^{a} in same County bel^{g} to same Battalion.

Also to Job Garretson app^{d} Captn Jno Long 1 Lt Wm Graves 2 L^{t} & Joseph Stansbury Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} bel^{g} to same Batt^{n}

Also to John Mercer app^{d} Captn Benjn Buck 1 Lt Wm Clark 2 L^{t} & Benjn Stansbury Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} belonging to same Batt^{n}

Also to Josias Bowen app^{d} Captn William Mackubbin 1 Lt Vincent Green 2 L^{t} & Job Smith Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} bel^{g} to same Batt^{n}

Also to John Standiford app^{d} Captn Edwd Oldham 1 Lt James Oglevie 2 L^{t} & Shadrach Green Ens^{n} of a Comp^{y} bel^{g} to same Battalion.

Ordered That the above six Companies together with Captain William Cromwell's and Captain James Bosley's constitute the Gun Powder or tenth Battalion

Ordered That the Treasurer of Western Shore pay to the Committee of Obs^{n} for Middle District of Fred^{k} County sixty Pounds on Acc^{t} of North Carolina Prisoners.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Oliver Weedon ten Pounds, fifteen shillings it being Bal^{a} of Acc^{t} for stocking 20 Musketts & finding 2 Gun Locks @ 12/6 each as p^{r} Rec^{t}

Commss^{s} iss^{d} to Pollard Edmondson app^{d} 1 Lt John Waters 2 L^{t} & Rich^{d} 3 L^{t} of Captn John Gunby's Independent Comp^{y} of regulars.

Ordered That Treas^{r} Western Shore pay to Ja^{s} Tilghman Esqr sixty seven Pounds, four Shill^{gs} for his Attend^{a} as a member of the Council of Safety 96 Days.

Ord^{d} That Treasurer afs^{d} pay to Danl of St Thos Jenifer

Esq. seventy nine Pounds, two Shillings for 113 Days Attend[a] in Council. C. S. J.

Ord[d] That said Treasurer pay Ch[s] Carroll (Barr[r]) fifty six Pounds, fourteen Shillings for 81 Days Attend[a] in Council.

Ord[d] That said Treasurer pay to M[r] Benj[a] Rumsey twenty eight Shill[gs] for 2 Day's Attendance in Council.

Ord[d] That said Treas[r] pay to Gab[l] Duvall one hundred & eight Pounds, nineteen Shillings and three Pence for 105 Days Attend[a] as Clk & Am[t] of his Acc[t] filed.

Ord[d] That said Treasurer pay to R[d] Ridgely sixty nine Pounds two Shillings Cur[y] for his Attend[a] as Ass[t] Clk & Am[t] of Acc[t]

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn four Pounds, four shillings for 6 Days Attendance as Messenger to Council of Safety.

Ord[d] Western Shore Treas[r] pay to Rob[t] Reynolds for 88 Days Attend[a] as Doorkeeper & Am[t] of his Acc[t] filed forty seven Pounds, three shillings & six Pence Curr[y]:

Thus end the Proceedings of the Council of Safety this 25th Day of May 1776.

Signed by Order of the Council
R. Ridgely Clk.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to John Hall Esq[r] sixteen pounds sixteen shillings for 26 Days Attendance as a Member of the Council.

Signed p[r] Order of the Council
R. Ridgely Clk.

[Council to Sand and others.] C. S. C.

To Capt[ns] Sand, Ridley and Mowbray

Gent[n] This Board have been requested by the Convention to countermand your Orders for sailing, you are therefore not to move from y[r] Station 'till you have further Directions—or if you have moved, you are to return into the River Potapsco.

May 25th 1776

The aforegoing are all the Letters sent from the Council of Safety till May 25th 1776. Test. R. Ridgely, Cl.

[Smallwood to Johnson.]

Annapolis 25th May 1776.

Sir. Being conscious that you & the Hon[ble] convention at this time are much engaged in Public business of much conse-

C. S. C. quence, it is with reluctance that I am obliged to address you on Business of less importance, but am persuaded as it will trespass not much on your time, & that it will appear necessary, hope this will in some measure excuse the application at this busy period. I find leather breeches & stockings are with much difficulty procured, & those in all probability not to be had in such quantities as will be wanting by the fall, when they will be absolutely necessary, this perhaps might be remedied by allowing the soldiers breeches & spatterdashes in one piece made of oznab^{gs} which would not only be uniform with the hunting shirts, but a good substitute for leather breeches & stockings, & would enable those who have been furnished, to lay them up for the winter, the soldiery would willingly purchase one, if the convention would allow another pair, which would enable them to be clean & comfortable; I am with much Regard Sir.

Y^{r} very obed^{t} Hum^{l} Servt W. Smallwood:

To Thomas Johnson Esqr

[Pendleton to Matthew Tilghman.]

W^{ms}burg May 26th 1776.

Sir. On Wednesday last Lord Dunmore and the Fleet at Norfolk, quitted that station and fell down into Hampton Road, where they remained 'til yesterday evening, when they got under way, apparently intending out to sea, but this morning were discovered by our look outs to have turned up the Bay and had passed the mouth of York River. I this moment received the intelligence and thought it might be useful to communicate it to you by express, that you might not mistake it for some other armament. We have reason to believe they are much in want of Provisions and also that they are but weakly mann'd, as they burnt several small vessels before they left Norfolk and three of a larger size just before they quitted the Road The Roebuck is returned from Delaware & is with this fleet. I have the Hon^{r} to be Sir.

Your mo. obed^{t} Edwd Pendleton.

O riginal. [Dorsey to Council.]

Gentlemen. When I was at Annapolis a few days past, there was a memorial lodged with the convention, by Mr Henry Ridgely reflecting greatly on my Honor, I returned home to get acquainted with the charge, that I might have the charger summonsed to support his assertion, the convention rising before I could return, I apprehend the Business will lay before

your honors, it is of such a nature, that I hope it will not pass unnoticed by your Honors, if the charge alledged should be Fixt I shall expect to be treated with Ignominy and Dishonor, (the charge is Infamous) you will be pleased, to let me know when it will be taken under consideration that I may prepare to Defend myself the sooner your Honors will bring it to Ishue the more thankfull I shall be, I shall be greatly obliged for a coppy of the memoral.

Am Gentlemen Your most Humble Servant.

May 26th 1776. Thomas Dorsey:

[Brent to Council.] Original.

Hond Gentn As I conceive it will be of the highest impor^{t} to the Safety & welfare of the People in Skipton District that a small Quantity of Powder & Lead be lodged there in case of an Indian War, & it is most probable the same may happen this Summer from our ill success against Quebeck I beg that 200 lb of Powder & a proportional quantity of Lead may be sent to the Committee of that district to be in readiness for the above mentd contingency:

I am Honl Gentn yr obt Servt

May 26th 1776. George Brent

At a Meeting of the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 27th of May 1776. C. S. J.

Were present

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esq: and
Charles Carroll, Bar.
John Hall, and
James Tilghman Esqrs

Mr Jenifer was qualified before Mr Hall, and Mr Carroll, Mr Hall and Mr Tilghman before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Gabriel Duvall was appointed Clerk and qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

The Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr was chosen President.

Copy of Letter N° 1 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Worcester County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Circular Letter to absent Members. C. S. C

Sir I have the Pleasure of acquainting you that you was appointed by the late Convention a member of this board, and

C. S. C. as your presence is necessary, your attendance in Council is therefore immediately requested.

28th May 1776

No. 1. [Council to Worcester Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Worcester County.

Gentn

The Bearer hereof Mr John Galloway is with some other Gentlemen in partnership about setting up & carrying on a Salt Work under the encouragement of the Last Convention, He is in great measure unacquainted in your County, and as the work will be of the Greatest Public utility, we take the liberty of recommending him to your notice and countenance, and shall be much obliged to you for any assistance you may give him, or any Favors you will be pleased to confer upon him.

30th May 1776

[Purviance to Council.]

In Commee Baltimore 27. May 1776.

Gentlemen. Captn John Sterrets Company of Militia being appointed an Independent Company, and Capt George Wells compy consisting chiefly of ship carpenters employed in working on the continental frigate having petitioned to be formed into an artillery Compy which we presume will be granted. We think proper to add to the Baltimore Town Battalion, Captn Thomas Rutters and Captn Fredk Deams's companys of Militia as the most convenient to join the same, and their situation is such that they cannot with propriety join any other Battalion.

By order of the Commee

Saml Purviance Junr chairn

Frederick Deams Captn
Absolom Price 1st Lieutenant
George Campble 2d Ditto
John Demmit Ensign
} & 79 Privates:
N. B. Captn Rutter has already recd Commissions for himself & his officers.

To the Council of Safety to Md

Original. [Return of Baltimore County Militia.]

These are to certify to the Honorable Council of Safety that the following returns have been made to this committee of Companies of Militia in Baltimore County, vizt

1 Company contg 76 who have elected		Wm Buchanan Capt	
		John Smith 1 Lieut	in Balto.
		Robt Alexander 2 Lieut	Town.
		Geo. Woolsey Ensign	
1 Company contg 82		John Sterrett Capt	
		Bennet Eichelberger 1st Lieut	in Balto.
		Hugh Young 2d Lieut	Town.
		Danl Bowley Ensign	
1 Company	65	Henry Sheap Capt	
		Brittingham Dickenson 1st Lieut	in Balto.
		Robt Moore 2d	Town
		Caleb Shields, Ensign	
1 Company	58	Wm Galbraith Capt	
		James Toole 1 Lieut	in Balto.
		John Deaver 2d Lieut	Town.
		Joseph Gehe Ensign	
1 Company	71	Wm Richardson Capt	
		John McCabe 1st Lieut	in Balto.
		George Sewel Douglas 2d Liet	Town.
		Fergus McIlroy Ensign	
1 Company	66	George Wells Capt	
		James Morgan 1st Lieut	in Balto
Artillery		John Hayman 2d Lieut	Town.
		James Foster 3d Lieut	

The above companies together with Capt Zach McCubbin & Capt James Cox who have recd commissions we recommend to be formed into a Battalion.

We are Gentn your most humbl Servts

Willm Lux Depy chn	Wm Buchanan
Thomas Harrison	Thos Sollers.
Jno Boyd	Willm Aisquith
John E. Howard	Jno Sterett
Jas Calhoun.	Jno Smith

Tuesday 28th May 1776. C. S. J

Met according to Adjournment. Present as yesterday, and also the Honble George Plater Esqr who was qualified before Mr Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered That Letters be immediately sent to the several absent Members respectively requesting their attendance in Council, which was done accordingly.

The Honble Charles Carroll Esq. was appointed Vice-president of the Council.

Ordered That Mr Plater be requested immediately to have a Chart of Smith's Creek in St Mary's County made, with the Soundings into the River, and the Altitude of the Banks on each side of said Creek.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Mr Plater has Leave of Absence.

Mr Richard Barnes was appointed in the Room of Mr Plater to join with Brigadier General Dent in erecting Beacons on the River Patowmack.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock

Original. [Hammond to Council.]

Gen^{t} At a meeting of Capt Thomas Mullikins Company of Militia the 15th Ins^{t} he resigned his commission as did also Mr Belt Mullikin the 2^{d} Lf^{t} The Comp^{y} then unanimously made choice of Mr Vachel Gaither the 1st Lf^{t} for their Capt Mr Absolom Anderson the Ensign for their 1st Lef^{t} Mr Stephen Basford for 2^{d} Lf^{t} & Mr Thomas Fowler Basford for their Ensign whom they desired me to recommend to your Honours to be commissioned which I now do as they are Gen^{t} very agreeable to the Comp^{y}

I am Gen^{t} respectfully y^{r} Humble Servant.

28th May 1776. Rezin Hammond

Original. [Nicholson to Council.]

Ship Defence Wecomoco May 28th 1776.

Gentlemen. I did myself the pleasure [of] writing p^{r} Capt Pitt informing of the situation of the Enemy down at Norfolk, since which have been Join'd by Capt Boucher and a Brig he had in Convoy, from the certainty he has of the Tenders being so numerous about the Cape, he is now halling the Brig up a Creek in this River, and there to lay untill a more favourable opportunity. For want of the assistance of a Tender (my own having sprung her Mast) I did not go lower down the Bay than Rappahanock, where the Bay appears quite clear, Capt Boucher & myself intend down this Even^{g} for the purpose of making discoveries, and should the vessels not be already sail^{d} would recommend they should be held in readiness until I return & send or bring you advice; But shoud you think proper to send them before or shoud they be already sail'd, you may depend upon my utmost care of them.

I am Gent^{n} y^{r} most

oblidged Hum^{l} Servt &c. James Nicholson

Original. [Nicholson to Council.]

Off Wecomoco Mouth May 28th 1776.

Gent^{n} Two hours since, I wrote you, since which have discovered five sail of Topsail vessels which had been at an anchor off windmill point one of them wears a broad pend^{t} suppose the Commadore. she & another Capital ship is now under way standing up the Bay we apprehend there may be a fleet under Windmill point at anchor as we heard the Commadore fire a Gun the signal for weighing. I am now halling my wind down the Bay, to make all the discovery I can &

expect momently to be chas'd but depend on my heals shall as soon as satisfied there number & the course they steer shall make the best of my way up:

I am Gent^{n} y^{rs} to comm^{d} James Nicholson

Since writing the Enclosed I have discovered the Ships under way. I have stood into floods Bay. The Commadore still continues at an Anchor. If I find it necessary the Country shou'd be alarm^{d} I will fire a Gun every 15 minutes as I up the Bay without which they need not [be alarmed].

J. N.

[A. Buchanan to Council.] Original

Baltimore Town May 28th 1776.

Captn Duncan Hill ship^{d} by Capt Kell, with your approbation, is now returned after making an attempt to get to sea. I have lodged my protest with you but would willingly do every thing in my power that would be of service to the public. when you hear what Capt Hill has to say you will judge what is the best method, he thinks he may get out but it will be attended with an expence. if you think its best to order the vessell and cargo or either of them to be sold and I can be of service I will do it. depend for the best, you'll give him your instructions:

I am Gen^{t}

Your most Hum^{l} Servt Arch^{d} Buchanan.

Wednesday 29th May 1776. C. S.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday except Mr Carroll and Mr Plater.

Richard Ridgely was appointed Assistant Clerk to the Council and qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Thomas Ewing One hundred and fifty Pounds Common Money on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Nicols to Council.] Original

Talbot County 29th May 1776.

Gentlemen: As I am appointed by the late Convention Paymaster of the Eastern Shore Troops, and the time of payment the 3^{d} of June, you will please to favour me with an

order on the Treasurer Mr William Hindman, by the conveyance of this, Capt Delahay, who will return immediatly.

I am Gentlemen. Your very humbl Servt

Robt Lloyd Nicols.

Original. [R. Beall to Council.]

Drumpoint 29 May 1776.

Sir: I will solicit your notice, I am loath to complain as it is highly necessary when I have the greatest Right. I looked upon it when I came to Drumpoint every thing must be provided for one part of my Company, can it be possible the Committee could make such a Report, it is fact there is not House Room for twenty men, can it be expected the men can encamp out among the pines without Blankets or Tents upon the whole I must say this Company which I have the Honour to command has been grately neglected makes me particularly anxious. the Armes that was sent to Drumpoint, are vile Trash, whoever made them imposed much and are culpable, the locks are quite useless, must say there is not eight out of twenty nine can make any use of, as it is out of my power to repare or make these armes fit for use. I look upon it these armes has been culld and picked, such vile work never could be Inspected, as this is the most advantagious post hoping the Honbl Council will let me have 20 Rifles for the station, have not heard any thing Respecting our armes and ammunition, so that we stand here exposed and remain in a most Defenceless state. there was no thread came with the oznabrigs, cannot get any to make the Hunting shirts.

Dear Sir your most affectionate Servant

Rezn Beall

Original. [J. Beall to Council.]

29th May 1776.

Gentn I have delivered 24 bls of Powder to Lieut Ford, I was last Saturday at George Town, Yost then told me he expected to have the arms for Port Tobo ready by the last of this week, but have just now received a line from him informing me that the man who supplys him with Bayonets & barrels has been sick & that he cant furnish him with those articles till the 16th of next month.

I have employed two Wagons to carry the powder at three dollars a day, when they return I shall settle with them & give orders for their pay, as soon as those arms can be had I shall employ a waggon to carry them to Port Tobacco: I am Gentln

Your very Humbl Servt

Jos Beall.

[R. Beall to Council.] Original.

Head Quarters Drum Point May 29th 1776.

Gentn Some time ago, I wrote to your Honors, for our subsistance money, by Lieutenant Haulkerson, that he informd me you could not determine the subsistance, for the want of a fuller house, should be glad you'd send over subsistance due till this date, from the 29th day of March, by Mr Ristor or any safe opportunity. I am Gentn Your mo obt Huml Servt

Rezin Beall

[Nicholson to Council.] Original.

Ship Defence off Point Lookout May 29th 1776.

Gentlen Your order of the 25th Inst came to hand yesterday noon 3 oClock I was then off Wecomoco, about an hour after we imagine the Governors boat past us, the Commadore still continued at anchor, but as the weather was thick imagine the boat past her (Commadore): The other two ships that was under way stood into the mouth of Rappahanock & supposed anchor'd, as we stood off and on all the ebb and did not see them come out again. It blow'd very fresh & imagin'd they woud weigh again on the flood to chase me, which woud have given them a great advantage, therefore woud have gone into Wecomoco, but the Governors boat passing me at an Anchor off the Mouth, made me conclude to beat all night at a Risque, since which have not seen them. I shall make the best of my way up & expect we shall have a southerly wind, in which case should the Enemy be standing up the Bay, its necessary I should have the orders as early as possible, where you would have the ships go to. We did not discover any more vessels then 3 ships & a smaller vessel which supposed was a Tender.

I am Gentn yr Most oblidged Huml Servt &c.

James Nicholson

Thursday 30th May 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter No 2 was sent to Capt James Nicholson of the Ship Defence, and Copy of No 3 to Capt Duncan Hill.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Duncan Hill fifteen Pounds Currency to defray the Expences of the Carriage of Flour from the Cherry Stones across Northampton County in Virginia for a Vessel going to the West Indies on Account of the Province.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk twenty

C. S. J. Pounds to pay Expresses and for other Purposes, and that an Account be rendered of the Expenditure of the same.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock

C. S. C. No. 2.

[Council to Nicholson.]

To Capt James Nicholson.

Sir

You will please to proceed to Baltimore and wait our further orders; we send this by Mr Middleton, whose boat you may keep with the ship 'till you come off Annapolis, presuming you will not want her further,—if however it should not be necessary for her to attend you, you will order down the Bay to gain what intelligence she can of the ships you left below.

May 30th

No. 3.

[Council to Hill.]

To Captain Duncan Hill.

Sir. You are immediately to return to your Vessel, and convey at the expense and risque of this Province across the Country to the first Inlet to the Northward of Cape Charles such of your Cargo as you may find necessary and proceed round with the residue in y^{r} said Vessel between Smith's Island and Cape Charles. Upon your arrival in that Inlet you are to take on board what you send across by Land, and with the utmost diligence proceed on your Voyage agreeable to former instructions.

May 31st 1776

C. S. J.

Friday 31st May 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday, and also Thomas Smyth Esqr who was qualified before Mr. Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Copy of Letter N° 4 was sent to Mr Hugh Young of Baltimore Town, Copy of N° 5 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County Copy of N° 6 to the Honble Committee of Safety for the Colony of Virginia, and Copy of N° 7 to Capt. James Nicholson of the Ship Defence.

Commissions issued to Thomas Wilson appointed Captain, John Ken 1 Lieutenant, Robert Tate second Lieutenant and Forrester Ensign of a Company of Militia in Queen Ann's County belonging to the 20th Battalion.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Henry Hollingsworth of Cæcil County five hundred

Pounds common Money on Account of his Contract to manufacture Gun-Barrels. C. S. J.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the said Hollingsworth four pounds four shillings and ten Pence like money, being the Amount of his Account for the Carriage of Gun-Powder from Christiana to Susquehannah.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood be requested to send a sufficient Detachment to guard the Magazine near Capt James Tootell's in the neighbourhood of Annapolis.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Peter Littig fifty Pounds common Money on Account of his Contract for making Musquets.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Young.] C. S. C. No. 4.

To Mr. Hugh Young.

Sir. We presume the first valuation of the Schooner ninety two, was regular, and therefore conceive ourselves bound by it without paying any regard to the subsequent proceedings of Cravath and Drugan—the necessary repairs which have been since made under your Agreement ought to be added. We cannot now give orders to the Schooner, and doubt very much whether she can sail at all, but of this will determine in a few days and apprise you, or in your absence the above Gentlemen of it.

1st June 1776.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 5.

To the Committee of Balt^{o} County.

Gent^{n}

We received a letter this morning from Virginia by express, and as there is no telling the particular destination of the fleet, and as your Town may possibly be an object with them, we have thought it proper to enclose you a copy, that in case it should be necessary you may be prepared to receive them.

2^{d} June 1776

[Council to Virginia Committee.] No. 6.

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Gent^{n}

We are very much obliged to you for your favour of the 26th Our boats for four days past have brought us information from Capt Nicholson of the Defence on a cruize down the Bay that

C. S. C. several men of war were at an anchor off Windmill Point, above the mouth of Rhapah[k] and we are glad that you have given us certain advice what vessels they are.

If Lord Dunmore expects to meet with more favour in Maryland than he has experienced in Virginia, he will, we trust be greatly disappointed.

2[d] June 1776

No. 7. [Council to Nicholson.]

To Capt[n] James Nicholson.

Sir. We received y[rs] dated this morning off the harbour, and are pleased to hear that you was gone past to Baltimore. We would have you make the best preparation you can to repell any attack that may be made by our Enemies on either the fortifications or town of Baltimore. We received this morning an express from Virginia informing us that Lord Dunmore had sailed from Norfolk up the bay with his fleet joined by the Roebuck and we apprehend the ships you saw off the Wind-mill Point are Part of that Fleet.

2[d] June 1776.

Original. [Ware to Council.]

Baltimore May 31st 1776.

Gentlemen: The bearer will produce to the board three Gun Locks sent by M[r] Messer Smith for your inspection, Who tells me he has now twenty five more finished off, and if the public will Encourage him properly he can furnish ten or twelve p[r] week I believe the Encouragement he expects is three dollars p[r] Lock, if you approve of the work and price, please let me know by a line, and I will order him to employ all his hands in that business. I am under the necessaty of soliciting a sum of publick money to be lodged in the hands of some Gentleman in or near this place to discharge contingincies as I find it impossible to furnish our hospital with proper necessarys for the sick such as milk Vegetables &c without ready money. There are also blankets wanting for the sick which cannot be got without the money, I have been obliged to borrow twenty odd pounds since I come here to pay the people who are at work on our tents, tent poles, beds for the sick, &c &c. Who are chiefly needy and must have a little money to go to market. I am Gentlemen very Respectfully Your obed[t] Hum[l] Serv[t] Fran[s] Ware.

Original. [Hall and others to Council.]

Gent[n] We take the liberty of informing you that the

Severn Battalion is from the local situation of the Country greatly exposed to the Depredations & attacks of our cruel & inveterate Enemies: And as we may daily expect them, we request that you will be pleased to furnish the said Battalion with 200 Cartouch Boxes with 23 rounds of Powder & Ball to each and also 200 Gun flints.

We also inform your Honours that we will be answerable for the above, unless lost by unavoidable accident, and will return the same to the next Convention if they will not pay for the same. We are Gen^{t} in expectation of the above reasonable request being complied with.

Y^{r} most Hum^{l} Serv^{ts}

I. Hall. Rezin Hammond.
31st May 1776. Nich^{s} Worthington.

To the Honble the Council of Safety:

P. S. As an additional reason for the above application it is to be considered that the magazine is in the very heart of the Battalion and the cartouch Boxes may be lodged in the magazine subject to the order of the Col^{o} or Lieutenant Col^{o} in case of an alarm. I. Hall.

[Hopkins to Council.] C. S. C.

Baltimore May 31st 1776.

Gen^{t} I have sent by the Bearer John Payne Twenty musquets with Bayonets and seventeen without fourteen of which I received of Peter Littig, the others being some of the Province Arms Rec^{d} of Capt Saml Smith, and also six Reams Cartridge paper which I had an order for some time ago and had not then Received it. I am Gen^{t} y^{r} most

Hum^{l} Servt Gerard Hopkins son R^{d}

[Worcester Committee to Council.]

In Committee, Snowhill May 31st 1776.
Were Present. Benton Harris Esqr chairman
Messrs Peter Chaille, John Purnell, James Martin
Henry Johnson, John Done, Outten Sturgis
and John Selby.

Whereas special permission was heretofore granted to Mr Benjamin Dennis to raise a Company of Militia in Worcester County and in pursuance of the Resolves of the Convention of Maryland, it appears that he hath enrolled a Company consisting of eight non-commissioned officers and fifty six Privates, likewise that he was duly elected as Captain, John Townsend

C. S. C. as first Lieutenant, Thomas Outten as second Lieutenant and Angelo Atkinson as Ensign of said Company:

p order of the Committee
R. Dennis Clk.

C. S. J. Saturday 1st June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr sixty Pounds common Money to be lodged in the Hands of the Committee of Observation for Kent County for the Purpose of defraying the Expence of the Carriage of Gunpowder from Indian River to Chester Town.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr forty two Pounds ten Shillings for 10 Musquets purchased by him for the use of the Province.

Copy of Letter N° 8 was sent to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress, & Copy of N° 9 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till Monday 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 8. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Gentn

We send Mr Steuard to Philadelphia to take a View of the Gondolas built at that city, we expect to contract with him for building most of those that are ordered to be built for our province. the difference of tide in our Bay from that in Delaware will we apprehend necessarily occasion some alteration in the manner of building and rigging our Gondolas from those of Pennsylvania, we wish to have your sentiments on this subject after conferring with Mr Steuard.

All is quiet at Annapolis, the Governors boat is just returned from Virginia with Secretary Smith, and brings a Letter from Commodore Hamond of the Roebuck to the Governor which we have seen, he is to be sent for shortly, the letter is dated at Gwinns Island, (which we take to be near Pianketank between the mouth of Potowmack and Rhappahannock) the letter informs they came there to compleat their wood and water; private intelligence says the Island is of some miles extent and has stock of Cattle, Sheep &c thereon; and that they are casting up intrenchments to defend themselves against the militia—how long they will remain there is uncertain, our Islands will probably be plundered next, and they

will move we conjecture up the River Potowmack, or our Bay. C. S. C.
We should be exceedingly glad to have our military stores particularly Cannon and small arms lent the Congress for fitting out the Wasp and Hornet—inclosed we send you copy of the particulars, and wish you would apply when there is probability of succeeding.

Mr Smith informs that a vessel under Spanish colours was lately taken in Delaware Bay with 14000 Dollars on board, the boxes that contained them are marked W. M. from whence he thinks they belong to Willing & Morris, and that there may be more money on board—he confirms the report of Stock on the Island and says a Commissary is appointed to see that the people are paid. Mr Smith also says that Commodore Hamond and Lord Dunmore both assured him that they had certain Intelligence that Commissioners were coming over and that he inferred from their conversation, they were to treat with the Congress, he also says that they told him a very powerful fleet was expected with the troops from England, that Hudson's Ship was with the fleet now at Gwins Island, that she was not yet condemned a witness being wanting that was on board the Liverpool Frigate, whom Dunmore told Mr Smith, could prove that the Congress had papers on board concealed in a Log of wood which probably would condemn her. We wish to hear from you by every good opportunity.

[Commodore Hamond to Eden.]

Roebuck at Gwin's Island 30th May 1776.

Dear Sir. I have received your letter of the 26th Instant by Mr Smith, who arrived here yesterday and am sorry (tho' not surprized) to learn that you think it necessary to leave Annapolis. The Province of Maryland has hitherto been looked upon, as having acted with a degree of moderation in the present unnatural Rebellion subsisting in the Colonies, and I had some expectation from your continuing in your Government, that you might have been able to have convinced the people of the impossibility of their succeeding in the plan that America is now pursuing (which is the only motive, I fear, that will have any weight in bringing them back to their allegiance) but as you have certainly now given this a very fair trial, and it is become apparent that the matter can only be settled by force of arms, I confess, that I think your remaining longer among them would only be exposing yourself to insults, and would answer no good purpose to his Majesty's service; I shall therefore very soon send one of the Kings Ships to receive you on board, until a passage can be provided for you to England, which I beleive will happen very shortly; I shall

C. S. C. also not fail to give orders to the ship, that she shall commit no hostilities at Annapolis whilst on that service, but as no officer in his Majestys service can be supposed to suffer patiently the smallest insult to be offered to the British colours, it will be necessary for you to inform the Persons that assume the Government of the People, that if the peace, is not as strictly observed on the part of the Provincials, both with regard to the Boats, as well as the ship, during the time it may be necessary for her to stay on the coasts of Maryland, that any orders which I may think proper to issue for the purpose, will not restrain the Captain of the ship from acting as he shall think proper and necessary upon the occasion: Had I not received your letter, you would certainly have heard from me in a few days, to have acquainted you, that His Excellency the Earl of Dunmore & myself, with the joint forces under our command left Norfolk on the 23^{d} Ins^{t} and put into this Harbour on the 28th in order to compleat our wood & water, where we at present remain. I have the honor to be Dear Sir your most obedient humble servant,

A. S. Hamond.

To Robt Eden Esqr Govr of Maryland:

No. 9. [Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Obs^{n} for Balt^{o} Cot^{y}

Gent^{n} We received intelligence this morning by the Governor's Secretary who is just returned from the Roebuck off Gwinn's Island that the whole fleet which left Norfolk, consisting of about 90 sail was arrived at Gwins Island, that they had land their men and were intrenching themselves; that they found a large supply of fresh provisions on the said Island, that no ships of war were coming up the Bay only the one for the Governor which may be expected in five or six days. I am Gent^{n}

June 2^{d} 1776

[Nicholson to Council.]

Ship Defence off Annapolis June 1st 1776.

Gentl^{n} I Received yours this morning p^{r} Middleton, and ordered him down on the Lookout, I have not discovered any thing of the ships since I left them off Windmill point but apprehend should they intend up the Bay you will certainly hear of them this Evening; I am now proceeding with the Ship up to Baltimore, where shall expect your further orders,

I am Gentlemen, Y^{r} most oblidged Hum^{l} Servt

Genl James Nicholson

[Barrister Carroll to Council.] Original.

Gent[n] I have as M[r] Tilghman desired in his to me of Thursday made enquiry for small vessels, but Cannot find that any are to be got here on freight. I fancy if they are to be procured it will be down the Bay, the sooner they are got the better, as I fear the flower now begins to spoil. I was yesterday down at the fort, they are pretty forward, and the resistance they can now make, if the Enemy should come up, will not be very inconsiderable we are not in much apprehension of the Otter or even double her force, but in the Connecticutt Dialect of old Roger Sherman where is the Powder.

I am Gen[t] Your most obed[t] Serv[t] Cha[s] Carroll.

Mount Clare June 2[d] 1776.

Monday 3[d] June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on Saturday except M[r] Hall and M[r] Tilghman.

The Honble William Hayward Esq[r] a Member of the Council attended and was qualified before M[r] Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Copies of Letter N[o] 10 were sent to Brigadier General Hooper and Chamberlaine, Colonels Mackall, Barnes and Weems respectively also to Captains Rezin Beall and John Allen Thomas.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] John Gassaway two hundred Pounds Common money for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Francis Ware to be accounted for.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Officers.] C. S. C. No. 10.

To Brigadiers Chamberlaine & Hooper, Colo[s] Wright, Weems, Mackall & Barnes, & Capt[ns] Beall & Thomas (respectively)

Sir.

The Enclosed extract from a letter of Comodore Hamond to Governor Eden, (in consequence of an intercourse between his Excellency and the Convention) will inform you, that a man of war, may be daily expected up the Bay. We give you this notice that the militia need not be alarmed or unnecessarily drawn out upon duty, on sight of these vessels. We make not the least doubt, but that you will give the orders necessary for preventing any insult being offered either on her passage up or down the Bay.

C. S. C. We have the strongest assurances that the Governor will leave the Province with the most friendly regard for its inhabitants, and will do everything in his power that may contribute towards promoting a reconciliation between the Mother Country and her colonies.

3rd June 1776

Original. [Ringgold to Council.]

Annapolis June 3d 1776.

Gentn Having had the Honour of being appointed second Lieut to the light Infantry of regular Troops raised for the Defence of this Province under the Command of Capt Stricker, and not thinking myself contented in that Department, have inclosed you my Commission with my resignation: from Gentn

Your most obt humbll Servt Jas Ringgold.

Original. [Samuel Beall to Council.]

Honble Gentlemen. As two surplus companies of Militia in this district, which will appear by the enrolments laid before us and send herewith, we take the liberty to recommend to your consideration the officers therein particularized, in whom, we do conclude, may be placed special trust and confidence, and hope as such, they will meet with your approbation, and that commissions with your earliest convenience will be made out, and sent to them, with the utmost diference, in behalf of the Committee of the upper district of Fredk County.

I am Gentl. Yr most obedient & Huml Servt

Saml Beall Junr chairman

C. S. J. Tuesday 4th June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday. Mr Hall and Mr Tilghman attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Mr Robert Lloyd Nicols Paymaster of the Regular Troops for the Eastern Shore Department, two thousand Pounds common money.

Copy of Letter No 11 was sent to William Hindman Esq. Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

The Council contract with Messrs Samuel Galloway and Stephen Steward for the Building of five Gondolas for the Defence of this Province, and agree to pay Mr Steward's Expences to Philadelphia for the Purpose of viewing those

constructed there; they also contract with Thomas Smyth Esquire for building two Gondolas upon Terms and Conditions hereafter to be agreed on. C. S. J.

Permit granted to Mr Hodges' Boat to take in and transport live Stock and fresh Provision from Rock-Hall to Annapolis, and to such Man of War as shall come up for Governor Eden for his intended Voyage to England.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Galloway and Steward five hundred Pounds common money on Account of the Gondolas by them to be built.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr two hundred Pounds common money on Account of the Gondolas to be built by him.

Mr Smyth has Leave of Absence for a few Days.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr John Muir to be lodged in the Hands of Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster two thousand five hundred Pounds common money.

Copy of Letter N° 12 was sent to Capt Rezin Beall, and Copy of N° 13 to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs John and Walter Hanson (the youngest) five hundred Pounds common Money to enable them to erect a Powder Mill agreeable to the Resolutions of the late Convention.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hindman.] C. S. C. No. 11.

To William Hindman Esqr

Sir.

We send you enclosed an order on yourself to the paymaster of the Eastern Shore for £2000, but before he draws the money you will be pleased to see that a Bond is executed (if not already done) with condition herein mentioned in the penalty of £5000 Currency, payable to the Honble Matthew Tilghman and James Lloyd Chamberlaine Esqrs which you will hereafter transmit to us.

3rd June 1776

[Council to Rezin Beall.] No. 12.

To Captain Rezin Beall

Sir.

We received yours of the 29th and am sorry to hear you are not properly accommodated with houses at Drumpoint, we expected there were good houses there sufficient; under the

C. S. C. present circumstance we have come to a resolution that if houses cannot be got, Barracks should be erected under the inspection of the Committee, sufficient together with the house at the Point to hold the one half of your company, and request you would apply to them for that purpose.

The arms were sent you by Capt Thomas, we believe they are not so good as they ought to be, especially the locks, we wish we could supply you with better immediately, but have not any just now, we expect we shall have enough soon,—we have ordered some guns from John Yost at George Town which Col^{l} Beall will send you down in a few days—the money for your subsistence we would have sent, but Mr Risteau never came near us, Col^{o} Smallwood delivered us your Letter; the Regular method is to transmit us your Account by some safe hand, and we will order you the Cash, and other necessaries you may want.

P. S. When we get our Rifles which we expect daily we will change, and give you rifles for some of the worst of your musketts.

3rd June 1776

No. 13. [Council to Calvert Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Calvert County

Gent^{n}

Captain Beall has complained that he hath not sufficient house-room for the half Company stationed at Drumpoint, and has requested something may be done; we therefore desire you would make enquiry into the affair, and if there are not houses sufficient we would have you cause Barracks to be erected, so that the men may be lodged without inconvenience to their Captain and themselves.

4th June 1776

C. S. J. Wednesday 5 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday except Mr Smyth.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Christopher Johnson two thousand Pounds common money to be placed in the Hands of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, and by them expended in erecting the Fortifications there.

Copy of Letter N° 14 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to C. S. J.
Mr William Whitaof five hundred Pounds common Money on Account of his Contract to erect a Slitting Mill.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr James Dorset four hundred Pounds like money to enable him to erect a paper Mill.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Peter Adams thirteen Pounds four Shillings and five Pence, the Amount for his Account filed.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 14.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County

Gent^n^ Agreeable to your favor of the 27th of last month we have ordered that Captain Wells's Company be an Artillery Company, and Captain Deans and Thomas Rutter's Companys added to the Baltimore Town Battalion. The Commissions for Dean's company are inclosed to Col^o^ Wm Buchanan.

We request you will render a particular acc^t^ of the expenditure of y^r^ 1000£ sent the 8th March to defray the expences of the militia on the alarm occasioned by the Otter Sloop of War, and also furnish us with your Vouchers for the general charges in the acc^t^ of Monies expended on the fortifications at Whetstone Point.

5th June 1776

[Frederick Committee to Council.] Original.

Honble Gentlemen

As two surplus companys of Militia in this district, which will appear by the enrolment laid before us and sent herewith, we take the liberty to recommend to your consideration the officers therein particularized, in whom, we do conclude, may be placed special trust and confidence, and hope as such they will meet with your approbation, and that commissions with your earliest convenience will be made out and sent to them, with the utmost deference in behalf of the committee of the upper district of Fred^k^ County,

I am Gentlemen, y^r^ most obedient Humb. Servt

June 5th 1776 Saml Beall Junr Chairman.

Original. [Stewart and Woolsey to Council.]

Baltimore June 5th 1776

Gentlemen: The Bearer, Mr Robert Purviance waites on you with acco[t] of disbursements on Sch[r] Resolution, which we are Anxious to have Settled, being considerably in Advance at present, and the Tradesmen are become Clamourus for remainder of their money. Indeed we heard with much unneasiness, that the Person ship'd as Master, had been troublesome to you for payment of a small ballance due him, this we woud have prevented by an Advance of the Money, had we not considered some of his Charges as Extravagant, but of this you will be competent Judges when the acco[t] is submitted to your perusal. It woud at this time be exceedingly Inconvenient for us to leave home as we are Engaged in Publick business, we therefore hope you will dispense with our Attendance, particularly as Mr Purviance can fully Explain every matter to you, we request therefore you woud settle the Acco[t] & pay him the ballance. his receipt will be a sufficient discharge from us, We are respectfully Gent[n] Your obed[t] Serv[ts] David Stewart. Geo. Woolsey

C. S. J. Thursday 6th June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 15 was sent to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cumberland Dugan of Baltimore Town One hundred and fifty Pounds common Money for Demurrage and Detention of Schooner 92.

Ordered That the Schooner 92 be unloaded as soon as can be done with Convenience under the Care and Direction of Mr Cumberland Dugan; and further ordered that the same be lodged in his Warehouse, and that he cause such of the Flour as may be in Danger of being spoiled, to be baked into Bread for the use of the public.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Francis Smyth forty three Pounds ten Shillings common money for Leather Breaches for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Cap[t] John Fulford nine Pounds five Shillings for Leather Breeches.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John Omensetter of Baltimore Town two hundred and twenty five Pounds on Account of his Contract for Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Day

Scott for the use of Capt. John Gunby thirty Pounds three Shillings common money. C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N° 16 was sent to Lieut. Will[m] Harrison.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to D[r] John Hindman forty six Pounds nine Shillings and three Pence for attending Capt. Hindman's Company.

The Council of Safety agree with D[r] John Hindman of Talbot County to pay him at the Rate of One hundred Pounds per Annum for providing Medicine for and attending Captain James Hindman's independent Company of regular Troops.

Commissions issued to the following persons appointed Officers of the Militia in Baltimore County, to wit.

John Smith	Cap	Henry Sheaf	Capt.
Robert Alexander	1 L[t]	Brittingham Dickinson	1 L[t]
George Woolsey	2 L[t]	Robert Moore	2 L[t]
		Caleb Shields	Ens[n]
William Galbraith,	Capt	William Richardson	Capt.
James Toole	1 L[t]	John McCabe	1 L[t]
John Deaver	2 L[t]	George Servil Douglas	2 L[t]
Joseph Guthro	Ens[n]	Fergus McIlroy	Ens[n]

Artillery Company

George Wells.	Capt	Frederick Deans	Capt
James Morgan	1 L[t]	Absalom Price	1 L[t]
John Hayman	2 L[t]	George Campbell	2 L[t]
James Forster	Ens[n]	John Demmitt	Ens[n]

Ordered That the above Companies together with Capt Zachariah Maccubbin's, James Cox's and Thomas Rutter's Companies constitute the Baltimore Town Battalion.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County send to the Committee of Observation for that District of said County which lies to the Westward of Licking Creek, two Barrels of Musquet Gun-powder.

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed Officers of the Militia in Baltimore County, to wit.

John Cockey Owings,	Capt	Alexander Wells	Capt
Richard Colgate	1 L[t]	Thomas Owings	1 L[t]
Joshua Cockey (of Edw[d])	2 L[t]	Richard Sutherland,	2 L[t]
Richard Owings (of S[l])	Capt	Thomas Phillips	Capt
Joshua Porter	1 L[t]	Joshua Dorsey	1 L[t]
Benjamin Lawrence	2 L[t]	John Chapman	2 L[t]
James Barnes	Ens[n]	Richard Shipley	Ens[n]
Charles Caman	Capt	Nathaniel Stinchcomb,	Capt
W[m] Hudson	1 L[t]	Joseph Gist	1 L[t]
Richard Marsh	2 L[t]	John W. Dorsey	2 L[t]
Thomas Doyle	Ens[n]	Joshua Owings (of John)	Ens[n]

C. S. J.

Mordecai Hammond	Capt	Christopher Owings,	Capt
Aquila Hooker	1 L^{t}	Sam. Merryman Junr	1 L^{t}
Richard Davis	2 L^{t}	Wm Chenoweth	2 L^{t}
Edward Parish (of Edwd	Ens^{n}		

Ordered that the above 8 Companies constitute the Soldier's Delight Battalion in Baltimore County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 15.

[Council to Frederick Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Middle District of Frederick County.

Gent^{n} We request you would send two Barrels of muskett Gun Powder with all convenient speed to the Committee of Observation for Skipton District, there to be lodged for their defence in case of invasion. We will replace them by return of the first waggons from below.

6th June 1776

No. 16.

[Council to Harrison.]

To Lieu^{t} Wm Harrison.

Sir.

The Convention at their last sitting agreed with Mr Henry Hollingsworth for a quantity of bayonets at 8/ each—as soon as they are furnished, which we imagine will be shortly, we will take care that you shall be supplied, and therefore would not have you contract for any at a different Price. We are sorry you are so very disagreeably circumstanced as well as to the situation of your station, as the smallness of your quarters, as we are desirous of rendering matters as comfortable as possible for you, request you will enquire whether there is a probability of your being better provided at any other place on the Island, and upon what Terms, that if we approve them, we may remove you from your present Quarters as soon as possible. You shall have oznabrigs as soon as we can spare it; we expect some soon from Baltimore.

8th June 1776

Original.

[Woolsey to Council.]

Baltimore the 6th June 1776.

Gentlemen. I have given Mr Robt Purviance an order on you for 39£.. 0.. 7. the ballance of your acc^{t} with me. & I request you will be kind enough to pay him as I am in want of money. I request you will inform me if you think the Brig

Rogers will proceed with her Cargo, by what I learn from the man that had her since she was built she goes as well as allmost any vessel you can get:—Therefore think she stands a better chance than many others—I would be glad to know from you who I am to apply to for the Detention of the brig before she was loaded, say from the 4th of March to the 29th April & also from the 11th of May (the time she was loaded) until the day she sails, by conforming to my requests. You will much oblige Your Humble Servant,

Geo. Woolsey

[Scott to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Sir. Having some Business of much consequence to my private concerns to transact in England, which acquires my attendance there, I propose with the approbation of the Council of safety, undertaking a voyage thither by the first convenient opportunity that offers, intending to return again to my family in Maryland as speedily as my affairs will permit, and shall think myself much obliged to the council of Safety if on this application, they will grant me a passport that may be of service in preventing me from being obstructed in accomplishing this design.

I am Sir, with great respect, Your most obedt Servt

U. Scott.

Annapolis June 6th 1776.

The Honble. The President of the Council of Safety.

Friday 7 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt James Nicholson of the Ship Defence seven hundred and fourteen Pounds common money on Account of the Forces under his command.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Purviance One thousand Pounds common money on Account of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Purviance (for the use of Mr George Woolsey) thirty nine Pounds and seven Pence, being the Ballance due Mr Woolsey for the Cargo of the Brig Rogers.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the Committee of Observation for Charles County two hundred Pounds common Money on Account of Capt Rezin Beall's Company.

C. S. J. Commissions issued to Richard Frisby appointed 1 Lieutenant, and James Frisby 2d Lieutenant of Capt. William Frisby's Company of Militia in Kent County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr James West Eighteen pounds eighteen Shillings for 9½ Ream of Paper.

Copy of Letter N° 17 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 17.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentn We received Mr Stone's Letter of the 4th instant and are obliged for the intelligence therein contained. We have heertofore wrote you by Mr Steuard, which doubt not you have received—the Governor is not yet gone; we expect he will leave the Province in a few days, what interruption the Virginians will or can give him in his passage down the Bay, time will discover. We send you enclosed a copy of their resolves, which came by express this day directed to C. Carroll Esqr Chairman of the Convention, and appear to have been fabricated sometime after our Convention had broke up. You will see clearly the intention is to stir up the people against the powers now in being, Deputies in Congress, Convention, and Council of Safety, for which they deserve to be properly rewarded.—how far such proceedings tend to promote union and harmony amongst the colonies, you will judge as well or better than we can. We intend returning them a short answer, and leave to the Convention when they meet again to give them the payment they deserve.

Should the Congress think proper to request us to march our militia in the manner T. S. hath intimated, we must be under the disagreeable necessity of calling the Convention, tis not with us to say they shall march out of the Province; and we doubt the militia themselves will be backwards in so doing 'till all danger of invasion here be at an end for the season—3400 militia would take all the arms we have that are serviceable, and then what condition would our own province be in? we should become an easy prey to the Men of War and tenders that will swarm in the bay during the summer, and perhaps the ministerial Troops may be tempted by our weakness to do what they would not otherwise have attempted—this we say upon supposition that we must furnish them with arms &c. We shall hear more fully however hereafter.

The intelligence with regard to 7000 men rising and

declaring for independence is without foundation; we take it to be news from some incendiary;—Mr Purviance got off with a severe reprimand, as you will see by the proceedings of the Convention, a copy of which we shall hereafter inclose to you when they are printed. We all join in compliments and best wishes. C. S. C.

8th June 1776

Original.

[Johnson to Council.]

Fred^k^ Town June 7th 1776.

Gen^t^ The inclosed is a list of three Companies which remain uncommissioned in my Battalion, Capt Mackalls & Capt Poe's have been made up since the Batt^l^ was formed, and by the Committee, appropriated to the 34th Batt^l^, Capt Frazer was 1 Lieu^t^ to Capt. Lucketts Company, as Capt Luckett was removed by his appointm^t^ they have made his Lieut. Capt and so have raised the whole of the officers, and made the 1 Serg^t^ Ensign—you will be pleased to have the Commissions made out & sent as soon as Convenient:

I'm Gen^t^ y^r^ obed^t^ Servt B. Johnson.

To the Hon^l^ the Council of Safety of M^d^

James Mackall Capt	George Poe Capt	Thos Frazer Capt
Ralph Busco 1st Lieut	Benjn Eastburn 1st Lieut	Basil Beall 1st Lieut
Benjn Thomas 2d Lieut	Elias Williahr 2d Lieut	John Frasher 2d Do.
Leonard Tunly Ensign	Theobald Williahr Ensign	Conrod Stricker Ensign.

[Dugan to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore 7th June 1776.

Gent^n^ On my arrival here I told, Mr Woolsey of our going to unload the 92, & that the Honurable Councill of Safety wanted to see him on the same occasion respecting the Brig he loaded, when he said he woud be damned if he woud go near you without writen orders, and that you shoud not take a barrell out of the Brig, before he knew on what terms &c &c, this is a matter that dont concern me, nor shoud I mention it, had not, you desired me to advise Mr Lux & Woolsey your orders respecting what was done with our Schooner, and as from my verball ordrs you cant see Mr Woolsey, thought best to advise you his answer to me that you may write him; as the Cargo lays, still in her, and as to Mr Lux I heare he went down to you last evening. I am busy geting the Warehouse lofts ready for the whole of your produce in these three vessels; where you may depend on all possible care being taken of opening doors & windows every day, and picking out what of the flour seems most warm for the immediate bakeing, the

92 is all ready to begin to discharge, but is now a drissling rain that are afraid to open the Hatches, but tomorrow shall be at her discharge or as soon as it holds up fair and shall then begin on bakeing the flour up with two ovens, but if you are in a hurry for the Bread shall get to work with the other, which three ovens can turn out a great quantity of Bread in a day, of which you'l please to advise me, and should be glad to hear from you as often as convenient for my government, and shall endeavour in every instruction you Honour we with, to give you entire satisfaction both as to my care & charges which hope will merritt your aprobation.

beg you'l send me a manifest of the 92^{s} Cargo that I may know whether it turns out right that is

how many bls. superfine flour.
how many common fine do.
how many bls. Bread & how many kegs &c.

the superfine I purpose bakeing in what we call small fine keg Bread, & the common fine in Pilott bread size, which I think most proper for exportation &c. and shall bake it so; unless I receive your orders to the Contrary, I should not trouble you for the manifest of the Schooners Cargo, was Mr Young in this place, which hope you'l excuse & am Gentle^{n} in all your commands your much oblig^{d} most hum^{ble} Servt

Cumberland Dugan.

C. S. J. Saturday 8 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday except Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr William Lux One thousand Pounds common money to be lodged with the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, and by them applied towards discharging the Pay of the Militia on the late Alarm and for other Purposes to be accounted for.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esq; Paymaster One thousand Pounds common money.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Charles Wallace and William Lux five hundred Pounds common money to enable them to carry on a Salt-Work.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon five Pounds for Stocking eight Muskets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith One hundred Pounds to be accounted for.

Capt. Stone produced an Account of One hundred and twenty nine Pounds and nine Pence for the Pay of his Com-

pany to the 3[d] Day of this Instant, which was allowed. Ordered C. S. J.
that the Paymaster discharge the same.

Resolved that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays be set apart for auditing and paying off Accounts against the Publick; All Persons therefore who have just Claims are to attend the Council of Safety on those Days and no other, and are requested to bring their Accounts proved or authenticated by proper Vouchers.

Ordered That a Copy of the above Resolution be inserted in the Maryland Gazette.

M[r] Tilghman has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

Monday 10 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M[r] Thomas Ringgold for the use of Elisha Winters of Chester Town in Kent County eight hundred and fifty five Pounds common money to enable said Winters to comply with his Contract for manufacturing Fire Arms.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander McFadon of George Town in Frederick County three hundred Pounds common money to enable him to carry on a linen Manufactory.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk thirty pounds to pay Expresses and for other Purposes.

Resolved that a Convention of the Delegates of Maryland be held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 20th of this Instant.

Copies of Letter N° 18 were sent to the Delegates in Convention for each County respectively; Copies of N° 19 to the several Brigadiers General respectively; Copy of N° 20 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress, and Copy of N° 21 to the Honble John Hancock Esq[r] President of Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Zadok Magruder thirty seven Pounds nine Shillings and ten pence for Expences incurred in guarding the Prisoners sent from North Carolina, from George Town to Frederick Town.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Zadok Magruder eighteen Pounds common money for three month's Pay of the Adjutant to his Battalion of Militia to the 6th instant.

Ordered That the following notice be given in the Maryland Gazette, to wit

"All Persons who are willing to undertake the erecting and

C. S. J. carrying on Salt-Works agreeable to a Resolve of the late Convention are requested to attend the Council of Safety and give in their Proposals which will be duly attended to."

" By Order

G. Duvall Clk."

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 18. [Council to Convention.]

To the Delegates of the several Counties in Convention.

Gent^n^

Having just received, by express, resolves of Congress of a most interesting nature to America in general and this province in particular, we have thought it our indispensible duty to lay them before you as early as possible, and for that purpose have resolved that a Convention be held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 20th ins^t^ and we beg you will be punctual in your attendance at that time as the business is very urgent and will not admit of a moment's delay.

9th June 1776

No. 19. [Council to Brigadiers-General.]

To the Brigadiers General of Maryland (respectively)

Sir. Some Resolves of Congress, which we have this moment received by express, and in consequence of, called a meeting of the Convention on thursday the 20th instant at Annapolis, rendering it absolutely necessary that we should be informed of the number of effective arms in the hands of the militia in your district, we desire that you will immediately order the Colonels of the several Battalions which you command to transmit to us without a moment's delay the state and condition of the arms in the companies under them respectively, as it will be proper we should lay them before the Convention early in their meeting.

9th June 1776

No. 20. [Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent^n^ We received a letter yesterday at 1 °'Clock from the Honble John Hancock Esqr, inclosing resolves of Congress relative to our militia, in consequence of which, as our powers are not adequate to the matters requested from this province, we have resolved that a Convention be held at Annapolis on

Thursday the 20th instant, at which time we shall be glad to C. S. C.
see as many of you as can be spared from Congress.

We request you will make the enquiry directed by the inclosed resolve of our late Convention and transmit us an account of the standard proof of Cannon as early as possible. our guns are 9 & 18 Pounders.

10th June 1776.

[Council to Hancock.] No. 21.

To the Honble Jno Hancock Esqr President of the Congress.

Sir. Your favour of the 4th Inst enclosing resolves of the honble Congress we received to day at one oclock.

Our authority not being competent to order the marching of our militia out of the Province, we have called a meeting of our Convention to be held at the city of Annapolis on the 20th of this month, at which time we shall lay your letter with the resolves before them.

We are sorry for the reverse our affairs have lately met with in Canada; but trusting in the justice of our cause and the active spirit of our countrymen, we hope matters will soon wear a different aspect in that quarter.

Be assured, Sir, of our utmost exertions at this critical crisis to prevent the impending calamities which threaten this continent, and that the province of Maryland will continue to act with firmness in the common cause until peace may be happily restored.

10th June 1776

Tuesday 11 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt William Waters ten pounds common money for transporting Military Stores from Annapolis to Baltimore Town, and from thence to the Eastern Shore.

Mr John Muir appointed Accountant to the Board of Accounts appeared before the Council and qualified himself as such by taking the Oath directed by the Convention to be taken by the Clerk to the Council of Safety except instead of the Words "as Clerk to the Council of Safety" inserting, "as Accountant to the Board of Accounts."

Commissions issued to the following persons appointed Officers of Militia in the Middle District of Frederick County and added to the 34th Battalion there, to wit,

C. S. J.

James Mackall,	Capt.	George Poe	Capt
Ralph Busco	1 L^{t}	Benj. Eastbun	1 L^{t}
Benjamin Thomas	2 L^{t}	Elias Williahr	2^{d} L^{t}
Leonard Lunley	Ens^{n}	Theobald Williahr	Ens^{n}

Thomas Frazer	Capt.
Basil Beall	1 L^{t}
John Frasher	2 L^{t}
Conrod Ricker	Ens^{n}

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Mayo fifteen Pounds common money for providing Subsistence for a Part of the Severn Battalion of Militia when on Duty in March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Cyprian Wells fifteen Pounds common money for 10 Reams of Paper.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Oliver Whiddon 14 large Musquet Gunlocks.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Brigadier General Dent fifty Pounds common money to be applied towards erecting Beacons on the River Patowmack.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Dent seventeen pounds thirteen Shillings and eight Pence, the Amount of his Account filed, four Pounds of which for Expences in collecting Gold for the Canada Expedition.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[Smith & Sons to Council.]

Balt. 11th June 1776

The Hon. the Council of Safety of Maryland

Capt Tibbit brought in for our Acc^{t} 9 Half Bbls. Gunpowder which was delivered into your Magazine & which we intended the Province should have had at the usual Price, but as we with some others in this Town have fitted out a Privateer we shall have Occasion for our Powder & will be much oblig'd if you'll send an Order to the Commissary of Stores to deliver it to us immediately. We expect the Enterprize will sail in a week at farthest. We are, Gent^{n} with the greatest Respect

N. B. Capt. Ramsay will trouble himself with the Order.

Your m. obed^{t} Serv^{ts}
Jno. Smith & Sons

C. S. C.

[Samuel Smith to Eden.]

Balt^{o} 11th June 1776.

Sir. I take the liberty to inclose you two letters which I have not the least doubt you will forward on your arrival in

England, the letter to Ld Bertie is from Capt Kinnear of the Royal Fusileers now a Prisoner at Carlisle he told me he has the Honour of being acquainted with your Excellency the other from Mr Newmarche also a prisoner. They gave their Honours that nothing of politicks was wrote in them. I handed them to the Committee who returned them unopened. I am with the greatest Esteem C. S. C.

Your Excellencys M° obed^t^ Servt Sam Smith.

To his Excellency Govr Eden.

[Somerset Committee to Council.] Original.

Princess Anne June the 11th 1776.

Gentlemen. From the present situation of Capt Gunbys Company in P. Anne, we are apprehensive that they do not so compleatly answer the purposes for which they were intended, as if removed to particular parts of this County more liable to Invasion.

Our distant situation from you will render it exceeding difficult for us to have your timely orders in Junctures of iminent Danger, we would therefore hope that it may be deemed expedient by you to grant this Committee a power to remove the said Company to such places in this County as are most exposed to the depredation of our Enemies. We are Gentlemen your respectful Hum^l^ Servt signed p^r^ order of Comm^ee^

Henry Lowes, Chairman

[Maryland Deputies to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. We have received your Letter by Mr Steward also that by the Post of the 7th of this month. We have confered with Mr Steward, assisted him in changing his provincial money for continental and procured a recommendation from Mr Morris to those who have been concerned in fitting out the Gallies here to give him all the Information in their power respecting them We shall make Application for the arms lent the Congress but we do not see any probability of obtaining them, none having been made or having arrived but what were immediately disposed of among the Continental Troops. It seems to be taken for granted that our Province will not be attacked, and upon this supposition we presume it will be thought unnecessary to strengthen us even by returning the warlike stores which we lent. When the scheme for marching the Militia was agitated we informed Congress of the circumstances of our Province and of the Impossibility of marching the Militia out of the Province without their consent. how-

ever our Quota for the flying Camp was struck at 3400 as you will see by the resolve inclosed by the President, but it was not understood that the Militia were to be drafted or compelled to march. And it is left altogether at large how they are be collected. Some additions to the resolutions on that subject are talked of but not formally proposed. We are astonished at the ungenerous and malevolent Turn given to the Proceedings of our Convention by that of Virginia, and hope they will be as unsuccessful in their nefarious attempt to stir up the People of Maryland against their representatives, as they have hitherto been in their Endeavours to render the Councils of that Province suspected. We are exceedingly sorry to observe this unfriendly disposition in a neighbouring sister Colony, but hope there will be found spirit enough in the Convention of Maryland to resent this most injurious Treatment in the manner it deserves. The proposition from the Delegates of Virginia to declare the Colonies independent was yesterday after much Debate postponed for three weeks then to be resumed, and a Committee is appointed to draw up a Declaration to prevent Loss of time in case the Congress should agree to the Proposition at the day fixed for resuming it. This postpone was made to give an opportunity to the Delegates from those Colonies, which had not as yet given Authority to adopt this decisive measure, to consult their constituents; It will be necessary that the Convention of Maryland should meet as soon as possible to give the explicit sense of the Province on this Point. And we hope you will accordingly exercise your Power of convening them at such Time as you think the members can be brought together. We wish to have the fair and uninfluenced sense of the People we have the Honour to represent in this most important and interesting affair and that it would be well if the Delegates to Convention were desired to endeavour to collect the opinion of the people at large in some manner or other previous to the meeting of Convention. We shall attend the Convention whenever it meets if it is thought proper we should do so. The approaching Harvest will perhaps render it very inconvenient to many Gentlemen to attend the Convention. This however must not be regarded when matters of such momentous Concern demand their deliberation. We beg you will inform us as soon as may be of the Time you fix for the Convention to meet, and we should also be very glad to receive the Proceedings of the last Session. We see with the deepest concern the attempts from various Quarters to throw the Province into a state of confusion Division & Disorder, but trust, the Exertions of those who are the true friends of Virtue & the American Cause will be adequate to the surrounding

Difficulties & Dangers. From every account and appearance. The King and his ministers seem determined to hazard every thing upon the success of the Sword without offering any Terms to America which she ought to accept. That Peace & Security which every virtuous man in this Country has so earnestly desired seems not attainable in the present disposition of the ruling powers of Britain. We wish we had any reason to suppose, there was any foundation for what Mr Smith reports to have been told him by Capt Hammond & Ld Dunmore, but all circumstances strongly oppose the Supposition of Commissioners, as Messengers of Peace. However we know not more of this matter than you & the public do, and it is impossible to speak certainly upon this or any other subject without more full information than we have. We will send the Gun carriage, Instruments & paper by Mr Steward who informs us he has sundry articles for the Province to be sent from hence. We begg to be informed frequently of the State of the Province and of your Proceedings; and assure you of our readiness to attend your Commands. Our hurry and necessary attendance in Congress must apologize for this Scrawl. The question for postponing the declaration of Independence was carried by seven Colonies against five:

We are with great Respect, Gen^t^ y^r^ most Ob^t^ Serv^ts^

Phil^a^ June 11th Mat. Tilghman
1776. Tuesday. T. Stone. J. Rogers.

Wednesday 12 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday except Mr Tilghman. Mr Hands attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. Joseph Sim forty seven Pounds eight Shillings and four pence on Account of the Prisoners from North Carolina; Also One Pound seven Shillings and six Pence for Mr David Craufurd on the same Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Nathaniel Ramsey One hundred and eighty one Pounds one Shilling and ten pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver out of the Magazine at Baltimore Town nine half Barrels of Gunpowder, the Property of John Smith & Sons, imported in Captain Tibbitt, and lodged there, to them or their Order.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Peter Adams sixteen Pounds four Shillings and six Pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Cum-

C. S. J. mins Contractor for provisions for the Regular Forces of this Province two thousand Pounds common Money.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Williams eighteen Pounds common money for the use of William Thomas for his Services as Adjutant 3 months to the 25th Battalion to the 5th instant.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon twenty Pounds common money for Gun-Carriages.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Price one hundred and twenty two Pounds nine Shillings and nine Pence for Cloathing &c. for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Price two hundred and fifty Pounds for the Purchase of Rifles.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Dr Michael Wallace eighten Pounds four Shillings and six Pence for Medicine and Pay as pr Account filed.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Hoskins Stone seventy one Pounds three Shillings and four Pence, the Amount of his Account filed.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for Caroline County against Cornelius Hogans, together with the said Cornelius Hogans in Custody were transmitted to this Board; which being read, It was thereupon Ordered that he be committed to the Custody of Guard to be appointed by Col. Smallwood until the further Order of the Council.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant Benjamin Ford twenty three Shillings and a penny for Expences incurred in guarding Powder to Bladensburg.

Ordered That the said Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County one hundred Pounds common money on Account of the Prisoners from North Carolina.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Caroline County Committee, Proceedings in Hogan's Case.]

Caroline County 11th June 1776.

Honourable Gentl Inclosed are the Proceedings of the Committee of observation for Caroline County against Cornelius Hogans, who is sent under the Guard of Capt Jos: Richardson & five men.

Cha Dickinson.

To the Honl Danl of St Thos Jenifer Esqr

Melvills Warehouse June 8th 1776. Original.

At a special Committee of observation for Caroline County of whom were

Present, Major Richard Mason, in the Chair.

Members { Colo Wiliam Richardson, Colo Henry Dickinson, Mr Jeremiah Colston } { Colo Benson Stamton, Major Matthew Driver, & Mr John White } of the Committee

Information being made to this Committee, that sundry evil disposed Persons had been endeavouring to disunite the good people of this County in the Common Cause of America, & had actually prevailed on several Companies of Militia to lay down their arms. The Committee came to the following Resolutions, to Wit, That warrants do issue to Captains Joseph Richardson & John Mitchell against a certain Cornelius Hogans & others, suspected of these high & dangerous offences: The Committee adjourns to the 10th Inst at the house of Mr Vincent Price at the mouth of Tuckahoe.

Signed p order. Jno Tillottson Clk. Comee

Monday June 10th 1776. The Committee met according to adjournment at Capt Vincent Prices at the Mouth of Tuckahoe, of whom were Present,

Mr Charles Dickinson in the Chair.

Members { The Revd John Andrews, Colo Benson Stamton, Mr John White, Colo Henry Dickinson } { Mr Joshua Clarke, Ma or Matthew Driver, &, Mr Jeremiah Colston } of the Committee

At which time & place appeared Captain Joseph Richardson, & reported to the Committee, that in obedience to the said warrant he had taken the Body of the afd Cornelius Hogans to answer the Complaints afd upon which the Prisoner was ordered to be brought in, & the following evidences & depositions were taken as follows to Wit. The deposition of Mr Vincent Price adjutant to the 14th Battalion of Militia, who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith, that he this deponent on the 4th Inst being in the Musterfield where Captn John Safford exercises his company of Militia immediately after the Roll of that Company was called, a certain Cornelius Hogans took up the drum & began to beat on it, & ordered the same Company to march & thereupon the Company dismissed & said Hogans swore that he would muster no more & further this Deponent saith not.

Vincent Price junr

The Deposition of Thomas Wynn Loockerman being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he, this Deponent on the 4th Inst being in the Musterfield

where Capt[n] John Safford exercises his Company of Militia, immediately after the Roll of that Company was called, a certain Cornelius Hogans took up the Drum & began to beat on it & ordered the Company to march & thereupon the Company dismissed, & said Hogans swore that he would muster no more. And further that on the tenth Ins[t] said Hogans being taken into Custody by order of the Committee to answer for his past misconduct said Hogans being asked by this deponent why he ran, swore by his Maker that if he had an equal Number of Men with us he would not have run & that he had then been about to collect his Men in order to oppose those who were in pursuit of him & many others and that he this deponent believes the said Hogans to be a great Enemy to the present Cause & further saith not.

Tho[s] Wynn Loockerman

The Deposition of Alexander Waddell who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he this deponent being with many others in pursuit of a certain Cornelius Hogans, and after he this deponent had caught the af[d] Hogans, he was asked by this deponent why he ran, answered that if he had collected his Company of men, which he said he was after, he would not have run, and further this deponent saith not:

his
Alex[r] × Waddell
mark.

The deposition of Henry Dickinson of Caroline County who being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that in Consequence of a warrant issued by the Committee of this County bearing date at Melvills Warehouse on the 8th Ins[t] and directed to Capt[n] Joseph Richardson against Cornelius Hogans & sundry others this Deponent was in Company with sundry other persons when the said Hogans was taken into custody, and on asking the said Hogan's how he came to run from us, as I had understood he was a Man of a great spirit, and had declared he would rescue any person who should be sent for by the Committee, in consequence of their having lay'd down their arms, and refusing to muster, the said Hogans told this Deponent that he had been informed, that we had taken William Morgan in order to carry him off, and as the Companies had sworn to stand by one another (at the time they laid down their arms) he had then been about amongst the People who had sworn to each other as af[d] to give them Notice, that William Morgan was taken in custody

in order that they might collect together, that they might rescue William Morgan or any other person whom we might take in custody and by God if he had had as many men as we, he would not have run a foot from us, but would have stood and made battle, and further this Deponent saith not:—

Harry Dickinson

And it appearing to the Committee that the said Cornelius Hogans from his own confession did not properly belong to the Company whose conduct he undertook to influence but was at that very time enrolled in a Company of Militia in Dorchester County, The Committee are of opinion that the said Hogans is a dangerous person and therefore Resolved unanimously that the said Cornelius Hogans be committed to a guard and sent with the above charges against him to the Council of Safety of this Province, and the said Hogans was accordingly committed to the care of Captain Joseph Richardson & a Guard of five men: A true copy from the Minutes.

signed p order of Committee Jn° Tillotson Clk.

[Barrister Carroll to Hayward.] C. S. C.

My dear Sir. I received last night Mr Tilghmans letter of sunday last Inclosing the resolves of the Virginia Convention and I assure you I would most willingly ride down to Annapolis to be with you for a day or two were I in a condition to do it or to be of much service but I am so unhinged and relaxed by my attendance & confinement that I am plagued with almost constant little fevers and 'tho I keep about I am apprehensive such a ride would lay me up & it is with difficulty I now hold a Pen to write to you. I will however with as much precision as I can, give you my sentiments. If you are fully convinced of the propriety of the present Council of Safety, Entering into a vindication of the conduct of the convention and the proceedings of the former Council, by letter to the Committee of Safety of Virg^a^ against aspersions thrown out by the convention of that Colony in their Resolves, I think you have the matter and the grounds for the conduct of the Council of Safety fully set forth in our letters to the Congress and our several letters to our deputies on the intercepted letters and our proceeding with the Governor and I think the more concise and pointed such letter, is, the better—they may be told that the Council of Safety proceeded in a matter to wh. they were competent on testimony that they the Convention of Virg^a^ could not be Privy to, that they were happy in having their conduct approved of by that convention of the Province, and that you would not condescend to enter into a discussion of

c. s. c. their conduct with any Public Body that has not authority to interfere in our Provincial concerns and to wch we are not accountable. That the readiness, with w^{h} this Province on a late occasion ordered some companies of their minute men down to their Eastern Shore Counties of Virginia for their protection, and the readiness disposition the Council of Safety have on every occasion demonstrated to cooperate with their colony in every measure proposed by them will evince to the world their regard for the Safety & Welfare of that Colony and clear the convention from the unjust imputation of having promoted Govr Edens passage to assist in the destruction of the Colony of Virg^{a} under pretence of his returning to England. I have not the letter or what they call the address to Govr Eden here but by what I recollect of it I think they may be told that the Council cannot conceive the letter or address to Govr Eden can support or justify him in assuming any Public character or enable him to promote any measures that may tend to disunite the Colonies, or be productive of the danger apprehended to the Common cause of America. N. B. Would it not be proper to omit the address. If you incline to say any thing in the clause in the Resolves relating to the reasons assigned for his departure, you may I think well tell him, that when we consider that the president of the Council of State on whom by act of Assembly of this Province in the absence of the Governor the Government is to devolve, is a native of the Province and his connexions, fortune and family in it, we cannot apprehend he will consider himself under equal obligations to execute the ministerial mandates, with a Governor who is a native of England, & who has his family connexions, and fortune in that Country, or if he should unfortunately, be equally ready to obey them—do we apprehend that he will have equal influence or power to carry any measures proposed by them into execution, We therefore are persuaded the convention acted with the greatest discretion & prudence in continuing the Government in its old and at present established form till they should themselves be convinced that there was no probability of a reconciliation with Great Britain and should find themselves under an absolute necessity of altering it, and we are convinced that in their proceedings they were neither deceived by any professions of friendship to Am^{a} made by Govr Eden, or influenced by any dependance or proprietary power, but actuated by strict justice and honour only, and we are satisfied their conduct has met with the approbation of their constituents, who we are convinced will treat in a manner becoming their good sense, and spirit, every attempt of any external provincial Body whatsoever that may presume to dictate to them or to interfere with the administration of Government or internal

Business of the Province, and altho we cannot but be in some measure affected by the injurious insinuations thrown out in the resolves of the convention and Council of Safety Insinuations in our opinion continued and circulated to lessen in the estimation of our Countrymen the credit of those in whom at present the public authority in this province is placed, and are satisfied they will not tend to promote the harmony that at this critical period should subsist between the two colonies but may in our apprehension be attended with the most disagreeable and perhaps dangerous consequences, yet we shall with the spirit & firmness of men superior to little contrivances, and such provocations, disregard the injurious treatment these bodies have received or any that may ever hereafter be offered to us as a Public body, and shall steadily to the utmost of our power pursue every measure that in our opinion may conduce to the Safety protection and defence of ourselves & our neighbours or promote the General interest of America:—I have thus thrown together my thoughts, whether you may think of writing to the Committee of Safety of Virg[a] or whether you may think of publishing any thing as a declaration to the people, I must repeat it, I think the shorter and more peremptory it is the better effect it will have, we are not accountable to them, for our conduct & therefore I am not for entering into a discussion of the matter with them. This letter has been wrote two or three days & I have not had an opportunity of sending it till now by M[r] Lux I did intend to have set off for Annap[s] to morrow as I am a little better than I have been, but M[r] Lux informs me that the convention is to meet on the 18th if so it will be impossible for me to go down and be up here again & return again to the Convention without hurrying myself too much so I shall stay till I hear from you by Mr. Lux. I think as the convention is to meet shortly you need not hurry your answer or declaration but defer it for a post or two, pray present my compliments to all my brothers of the Council:— C. S. C.

I am dear Sir. Y[r] most Obed[t] Serv[t] Cha[s] Carroll.

Mount Clare Balt. County June 12th 1776.

To the Hon[l] William Hayward Esq[r]

[Calvert Committee to Council.] Original

In Committee of Observation for Calvert County June 12th 1776.

Gent[n] We have received your letter 4 Ins[t] concerning Cap[t] Bealls complaint for want of house room for his troops, we in answer inform you that agreeable to our prior information we

procured houses at Drum Point which we thought were sufficient but finding that the Resolves of Convention in Decr last only oblige us to find the troops sufficient accommodations during the winter season. We are of opinion that we cannot engage our county in any expence of build^{g} Barracks:—

We are y^{r} most obed^{t} Hble Servt
p^{r} order. B. Mackall, Chairman

C. S. J. Thursday 13 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Cornelius Hogans being ordered to be brought under Guard before this Board, was brought accordingly. And the said Hogans acknowledging great Contrition for his Offence, It was ordered that he be discharged upon recognizing as follows.

"You Cornelius Hogans and William Richardson do severally acknowledge yourselves to stand indebted to the Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esqr President of the Council of Safety of Maryland in the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling each, to be levied of your Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements in Case the said Cornelius Hogans shall not conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Convention of this Province and conduct himself in all Things agreeable thereto for twelve months henceforward."

The said Cornelius Hogans and William Richardson acknowledged themselves to be content.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. William Richardson twelve Pounds common money for the use of Henry Downes Junior for his Services two months, ending 10th Instant, as Adjutant to Colonel Richardson's Battalion of Militia.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Robert Purviance six hundred Pounds common money on Account of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux five hundred Pounds like money on Account of the said Schooner.

Copy of Letter N° 22 was sent to Robert Alexander Esquire.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Alexander.] C. S. C. No. 22.

To Robert Alexander Esqr

Sir.

Mr Purviance has just now informed us of your return to Balt^{o} Town, after your long absence from your family and friends, which as it must afford you and them great joy and satisfaction, we most sincerely congratulate you thereon.

We have sometimes found much difficulty in transaction of business that originally had been under your direction, for the want of the contracts and other papers relative thereto, and we should be glad that you would transmit to us, as soon as you conveniently can, all the agreements and papers you have in your possession respecting the public, & which properly may come under the inspection and cognizance of our Board. We hope soon to hear of your being restored to perfect health.

12th June 1776

[Betton's Petition to Convention.] Original.

To the Honble the Delegates of the Province of Maryland now met in Convention. The petition of Turbutt Betton Junior of Queen Anns County sheweth: That since the inhabitants of this Province, have been reduced to the disagreeable necessity of taking arms in defence of their injured liberty your petitioner hath relied on the resolutions of the Convention of this province from time to time made as a means in a great degree whereby redress of grievances may be obtained and Anarchy and confusion happily avoided, under those impressions your petitioner heretofore enrolled as a private in Captain Thomas Wrights Company of Militia in Queen Anns County and chearfully submitted to do duty in that station being firmly resolved to support the authority of the Convention to the utmost of his power. That the said Thomas Wright hath been appointed Colonel of the Battalion to which the said Company belongs since which the Honble the Council of Safety of this Province have appointed James Bordley Captain John Kent first Lieu^{t} James Earle second Lieu^{t} and Nathan Brown Ensign of the said Company, but a majority of the same Company regardless of the resolutions and appointments of the convention & Council of Safety have refused to acknowledge the field officers of the said Battalion appointed by the Convention or to Act under them and have nominated acted under and appointed other field officers in their stead and have also refused to acknowledge and act under the said second Lieu^{t} and Ensign appointed by the Council of Safety but have also nominated, and act under others, appointed

by themselves. Your petitioner further sheweth that he is still desirous of conforming to the resolutions and orders of the Convention and Council of Safety, and is ready to join in defence and support of their authority at the utmost hazard but your petitioner hath refused to muster either in Battalion or the company aforesaid under other officers than those appointed by the Convention and Council of Safety conceiving that it is his duty to discountenance as much as he can any authority set up in opposition to and in defiance of their power. That the said Captain and first Lieu[t] notwithstanding they have received their own Commissions from the Council of Safety yet openly and avowedly countenance the irregular proceedings aforesaid by refusing to acknowledge the officers appointed by the Convention and Council of Safety and acknowledging and acting with those appointed by the people in opposition to their authority yet under colour of another resolution of the Convention have proceeded to fine your petitioner the sum of fifteen shillings for refusing to muster under other officers than those appointed as aforesaid by the Council of Safety. That your petitioner conceiving the said fine to have been irregularly and unjustifiably imposed on him refused to pay the same whereupon the said Captain Bordley applied to the Committee of observation in this County who have granted him a warrant (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed impowering him to destrain and sell your petitioners effects, for the payment thereof which said warrant is now in the hands of one of the sarjeants of the said Company to be executed, and your petitioner is apprehensive his effects will be taken and sold by virtue thereof immediately on the recess of this Convention and therefore humbly hopes your honors will take the premises aforesaid into consideration and take such order therein for your petitioners relief as in your wisdom shall seem meet & so forth: Turbutt Betton.

In Committee of observation 13th June 1776.

Captain James Bordley having certified that Turbutt Betton Junior had been fined the sum of fifteen shillings for his non appearance at the muster field on four several days, and had refused to pay his fines at three shillings and nine pence each day: These are to authorize and impower you to lay the sum of fifteen shillings current money by distress and sale of the said Turbutt Betton Junior his goods and effects in the same manner that goods may be distrained and sold by law for County levies, and the same when distressed as af[d] to pay into the hands of M[r] Joseph Potter. Fail not this being your sufficient power:

By order Committee Sol[o] Wright chairman
To M[r] Philemon Young: (copy)

Friday 14 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver out of the Magazine at Annapolis to Henry Yost and John Unseld all the Musquets by them respectively made, which were ordered by the late Convention to be returned to the said Yost and Unseld as unfit for Service.

Copy of Letter N° 23 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, and Copy of N° 24 to the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Hannah of Queen Ann's County two hundred and fifty Pounds common money to enable him to carry on a Salt-Work agreeable to a Resolution of the late Convention.

Adjurned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 23.

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

Sir.

We have received your letters with regard to the vessels sunk at Whetstone point, and altho' you declined acting in your first letter, we are pleased to find you have since accepted of the trust reposed in you by the Council of Safety, and we find by your last letter that you have in part executed the same by raising several of the vessels.—You are desirous of having some further instructions about repairing and valueing the vessells after they are raised. We must beg leave to refer you to the proceedings of the last Convention page (13) where you will see what we are directed to do, and also we refer to our former instructions by which you are requested after raising the vessels to cause them to be rigged and put in same state they were in before they were sunk, as near as may be—and then you or any two of you are to cause them severally to be reappraised on oath by persons you may appoint—to which we shall add nothing further at present, only request you to advise with Captain Nicholson in all your proceedings, and to take care your men appointed be free from any partiality or just objection, and that they make regular returns of appraisement to us; we doubt not you will do what is right and then the owners cannot complain, or if they do, their unjust allegations will be little attended to, we believe, by the Convention who are shortly to meet.

14th June 1776

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No. 24.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent[n]

Your favour of the 11th inst we rec[d] at 10 o'Clock this morning—we have already complied with almost every thing you request[d], and we wish we had time to collect the fair and uninfluenced sense of our people on the most important point of Independence before the meeting of the Convention; but as the assembling of that body is already fixed on the 20th of this month, it will be impossible to [send express to the Delegates who are distant so that they could] make the necessary enquiry before that time. We presume the first business of the Convention will be regulating the movement of the militia, and that if necessary in the mean time the several committees of observation may be directed fairly to collect the sense of the Province on the subject of Independence, and make report thereof to the Convention. Any mode their Representatives may think proper to point out would be better relished by the people, than for us to put them into a violent ferment in a way that might not be approved of—'tis a point of great magnitude, and we think it's best, the shortness of time considered, to leave it untouched until the meeting of the Convention on thursday next. M[r] Paca no doubt is with you before now, Mess[rs] Johnson & Goldsborough still with their families we hear—we wish to have you all down when the grand question is decided, we leave it however to yourselves to judge whether you can be spared from Congress, and hope whatever is done will be generally agreed to.—from the Virginia paper we learn that Clinton left Cape Fear with his Troops on the 29th of May, this comes to that colony by express in a letter from General Lee to their Convention. General Howe's house was burnt and some of his domestics illtreated, no other damage of consequence, say the papers; and Clinton published a proclamation warning the people of N° Carolina to flee from the wrath that was hereafter to come upon them, and exhorting them to return to duty; where he is gone is not ascertained, the paper says that the prevailing opinion is that they are gone to the Southward, Gen[l] Lee writes he thinks they are coming round to Virginia. If they are coming this way we shall soon hear of them and will let you know.

14th June 1776

[E. Johnson to Council.] Original.

Gent[n] When last in Annapolis in conversation with one of y[r] Hon[ble] Members M[r] Ramsey, I said I was informed by some of the inhabitants of this County near to the Clifts that the Clifts were in places full of a saline matter that they took to be salt Petre in a native state & I promised to examine therein on my return.

I have been under those Clifts & find saline matter in some parts in great abundance of a vitriolic aluminous Taste but have made no experiments therewith yet, from the calls of my profession hindering me, but on the clift at M[rs] Hollands about three miles below this town on the E. side of Patuxent River we have discovered a salt Lick & the Earth very strongly impregnated with common salt insomuch that a tub of that Earth being put up & water run through it as they draw off Ley from ashes or nitrous earth is so rich as to yield by boiling $\frac{1}{14}^{th}$ part of its quantity good clean fine salt as you may see by the small sample I have sent you by M[r] Peregrine Fitzhugh.

Various are the opinions how this is produced: D[r] Ja[s] Bate says as its on the east side & exposed to the most violent heat of the sun in the afternoon he believes it to be no more than from the sprays of the sea's meeting this Clift & the sun exhaling the more moist whilst the saline particles are left behind & retained in the earth for about 4 inches deep. I am of a contrary opinion as the water of the River is only brackish at that place none are ever biting there or within 12 miles of it & think that the earth is impregnated with salt in a native state which is perpetually ouseing & the sun exhales the moist & fixes the saline particles behind, be this as it may it is a valuable discovery & the Tenants on that land can easily get whatever salt they may want & now only repine that it was not discovered early enough to salt up fish with which are caught there in the spring in great abundance:

The Salt Petre manufactory under my superviser ship I have the satisfaction to inform you emproves much & tho we were so unsuccessful in the first 8 Hhd[s] of earth we drew ley from as to get nothing when last at Annapolis other earth has in the last three weeks given us between fifteen & eighteen pounds pure crude nitre but expect a week or two more to have drawn off the ley &c from all the earth I have there in a proper state & shall then proceed to lay in my shed this earth that has been drawn off trash Tob[o] lime brickdust &c as a matrix for to receive more ag[t] the fall

I am Gen[t] y[r] Honor[s] most obed[t] Serv[t] E. Johnson.

Lower Marlbro June 14th 1776.

C. S. J. Saturday 15 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mrs Anne Johnson twelve Pounds seventeen shillings and three Pence for providing Subsistence for Capt. Mulliken's Company of Militia on the late Alarm by the Otter Sloop of War.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Gist three hundred and eighteen Pounds six Shillings and five Pence, the Amount of his Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven fifteen Pounds two Shillings and seven Pence, the Amount of his Account.

Adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

Original. [Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gent^n^ Yours of the 10th Ins^t^ was delivered to us yesterday, it has happened very well that you have called a Convention on the 20th, tho for the purpose of complying with the resolve of Congress we think your own powers are fully adequate. It never was intended that any part of the militia was compellable to march out of the Provinces; no do we know of any Power in ours, even tho' the Convention was sitting, to order the militia upon Service out of the Province, It was intended that the flying camp should be formed by voluntary Inlistments of the militia, and it was supposed that the People of the respective Provinces would readily and voluntarily march to the head quarters of this flying camp, which was ordered principally to defend the middle Colonies. It will be necessary however to appoint officers and give directions to the body of militia when raised, and this may be done by your council or the Convention. We wrote you a few days ago requesting a call of the Convention to deliberate upon matters of the last Importance, and we are glad that an earlier meeting than we expected will afford an opportunity to our constituents to communicate to us the sense of the Province upon the very interesting subjects mentioned in our Letter The session will be a very important one and we wish to attend, tho we know not whether it will be agreeable to our constituents to leave the Province unrepresented in Congress, it being a matter of much consequence to keep up the representation at this and all other times. We shall wait to hear from you and them upon this head, indeed we can't quit the Congress without Leave which

will not be given here unless our attendance in Convention is desired. Mr Tilghman left us yesterday, Mr Paca is here. We have nothing new since we last had the Honour of addressing you The continental Proof of cannon is two thirds of the weight of a ball, of Powder, and two Balls, tho this is said to be less powder than is used for the purpose in England: We are Gent with much respect Your most

Obt Servts T. Stone. J. Rogers.

Phila June 15th 1776. We have sent by the stage 4 Rm. paper a Box Instruments, & a Gun Carriage:

[Cook to Plater.] c. s. c

Smiths Creek June 15th 1776.

Dr Sir. I have sent you by this opportunity the draught of Smith's Creek, I hope it will please, as I have laid down as correct as I possible could, it took me much longer then I expected, I was three days & a half in taken the angles and distance of places wt the soundings in the Chanell and on the Barr's and two days in plating the three & half days was obliged to hire two hands to attend me, I am at this time much hurried by a report of part of Dunmores fleet intending up the bay, expected to land off point lookout, the news is brought by the tender of the congress; they had it from deserters from the fleet of Dunmores excuse hast. I am Dr Sir Your most Humble Servt George Cook.

To Colonel Plater:

[Garrett to Council.]

Harford Coty Swann Creek 15th June 1776.

Sirs, Agreeable to the Resolve of the Convention, I have been endeavouring as superintendant of the Salt Petre Works of this County, to Comply with the same, but have met with difficultys in the essay that I did not expect from the several Publications thereof. I have got my works erected and materials collected for going on with it, I have been sometime at work but whether owing to the extra. wet season when I raised the earths or its not rising so plentifully in our flat clayey lands as in those more Hilly and dry, I cant tell, but cant find the quantitys contained in the earths I have tryed, as has been published,—I think I shall now produce six or eight pounds per day and have hopes of more. I have three Boilers 70, 60 & 30 gallons which we use more or less every day. I have weighed what is made and fit for sending away this

C. S. C. day & find I have seventy five pounds, which I hope will be called good, I fear my success is far short of many, but its all I could well send to this time, my desire to serve is as much as any concerned. I hope failure in quantity wont be attributed to any neglect in me, I shall advise from time to time of my success:

I am Sirs Your very Hble Servt Amos Garrett.

I have sent a small sample which your Honours will have to compare with the Productions of other countys: I have now ready and shall finish this week 50 Bayonets, & shall continue to make:

Original.

[Harrison (?) to Council.]

St Eustatia June 15th 1776.

Gentn My last was of the 18 ultº by Capt Calendar inclosing duplicates of the papers sent by the John Capt Speake, who sailed the 14th with 6000lbs powder & 22 bbls Sulphur on your acct which I hope is now safely landed with you: By that opportunity I informed you of my having 6000 more left, 4000 of which I took down with me to this place, expecting a readier conveyance for it than from my own. On my arrival I found none but the Brig Friendship, which Mr Van Bebber had partly engaged on Freight for Virginia. In her I determined to ship also, but finding that I should be obliged to advance money for fitting her out, and every other extra expence, besides insuring her, I concluded it would be more to your interest to purchase her & receive 10 pr Ct on the goods I could procure on Freight, especially as I could make the payment so convenient to you. accordingly I have agreed with Capt. Martin for her at £900 Maryland curry, have taken his Bill of sale & given him my two drafts of this date for £450 each on you at ten days sight, which you'll please to honour & pass to my debit, and at the same time credit me with the vessel. This purchase I flatter myself cannot but be agreeable to you. She is a fine new vessell, sails fast, and will be well fitted for another voyage, a cruize, or for sale as you may judge proper. The freight you'll have to receive will amount to half the cost, & should you be so unfortunate as to lose her the damage will be no more than if I had chartered and insured her:—I have shipped for you by this vessell 14100lbs powder & 23 Bales Hollands Duck, (which is as much & rather more than the remainder of my money would purchase) amounting to £2674.. 7.. 4 your curry which you'll please to note in my account, Invoice & Bill lading therefor being inclosed: With this a

letter will be delivered you, signed by Mr V. B. & myself, by which you'll find we have entered into a copartnership. The motives of it are therein sufficiently explained also what we have done in consequence. I shall not therefore dwell longer upon it in this place. I intended by Capt Martin to have furnished my acc^t^ curr^t^ with you, but the unexpected and agreeable intelligence of Capt Conways arrival at St Pierre will not permit me to stay & collect an acc^t^ of the Brigs Disbursements. He got in the 10th I leave this to night & hope to see him in three days, every thing is ready & I shall dispatch him immediately with a valuable Cargo:

I am &c.

N. B. Should Messrs Jenefer & Hooe apply to you for any money on my acc^t^ I should be obliged by y^r^ furnishing them with as far as 500£.

Monday 17 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant John Waters, for Capt. John Gunby's Company, twenty five Musquets and fifteen Rifles with Powder Horns and Pouches.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt John Day Scott ninety four Pounds four Shillings and five Pence on Account of his Company.

Commissions issued to Vachel Gaither appointed Captain, Absalom Anderson 1 Lt Stephen Basford 2^d^ Lieutenant, and Thomas Fowler Basford Ensign of a Company of Militia belonging to the Severn Battalion in Ann Arundel County.

Copy of Letter N° 25 was sent to Capt Isaac Vanbebber.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt James Hindman One hundred and forty nine Pounds seventeen shillings currency for subsisting his Company to 30th of May.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Hayward Esqr for Capt. James Hindman's Company fifteen Rifles with Powder Horns and Pouches, Eleven Musquets, and thread sufficient to make One hundred Suits of Cloathes.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 25.

[Council to I. Vanbebber.]

To Cap^tn Isaac Vanbebber, Balt. Town.

Sir.

By the resolves of the Convention one thousand pounds were appropriated for the building one or more powder-mills. —five hundred pounds have been already drawn by a Gentleman in Charles County named Hanson upon his giving bond with security to erect a powder mill, there remains 500£ unappropriated, which you may have an order for on complying with the terms prescribed by the Convention.

P. S. If any change be necessary in the order about repairing the vessels, application must be made to Convention, we cannot give directions to the owners themselves to repair, or oblige them so to do.

17th June 1776

Original.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore 17th June 1776.

Gentlemen: Information having been given to this Committee by Mr Lux that you had application by Letter from Doct^r Stevenson that two casks of Gunpowder were taken from him, for which he never had been paid, This Committee desire you will please to transmit them a copy of said Letter, that they may have an opportunity of answering the charge.

They have further to inform you that an application has been made by Doct^r Stevenson for a Barrell of Powder which he imported from Phil^a and was received into the Publick Store, But, as he has neither signed the Association or Enrollment, he stands in the light of an Enemy to America, and therefore it would be dangerous to trust so much Powder in his Hands, they therefore desire your orders therein:

We are Gent^n Your most hum^l Serv^ts

Saml Purviance Junr chair^n

Willm Lux,	J. E. Howard,	Darby Lux
And Buchanan		J. Griest
Thos Sollers		Benjn Nicholson
Thomas Harrison,		Willm Aisquith:

Original.

[Sholly to Council.]

To the Honourable the Convention or Council of Safety of the Province of Maryland: Gentlemen: Inclosed is the Commission that your Honours favoured me with, and I must inform your Honours that I have resigned, for the following

reasons viz[t] I have not proper Millatary skill or experience and I cant give satisfaction to the Company in the Execution of my Command. And there is a certain Casper Keller in the Company I had the Honour to command whom the people have chose as Captain and has mustered under for some time past. And as I conceive s[d] Keller is capable to serve and can give satisfaction to the Company and also willing. I hope Gentlemen, the foregoing reasons, and the suitableness of the person af[d] now in command, are sufficient reasons for my resignation. And at the same time Gentlemen I can assure your Honours that it is out of no disaffection to the cause that I resign. And that I always mean to be a useful member to society as far my abilities will admit of:

I am Gent[n] Your honours most oblg[d] humble Serv[t]
Upper District: Peter Sholly
Fred[k] County, June 17th 1776.

Tuesday 18 June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant Nathaniel Ewing six Pounds four Shillings for Expences incurred in guarding a sick Prisoner sent from the Colony of North Carolina, from the City of Annapolis to Pennsylvania.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to said Nathaniel Ewing thirty nine Shillings for thread for the use of the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Barton Lucas twenty seven Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine Pence on Account of his Company.

Copy of Letter N° 26 was sent to Cumberland Dugan of Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Oliver Whiddon four Pounds three Shillings and six Pence for a Musquet and Accoutrements.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to George Plater Esquire thirty seven Pounds seventeen Shillings and two Pence three Farthings on Account of Capt. John Allen Thomas's Company.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Stricker twenty seven Pounds seven shillings and three Pence, the Amount of his Account filed.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 26.

[Council to Dugan.]

To Mr. Cumberland Dugan.

Annapolis 18th June 1776.

Sir,

You will be pleased to deliver to George Handy or his order as many Barrels of Flour as may be necessary for loading the schooner Three Sisters, a Vessel we have chartered to perform a voyage to the foreign West Indies—should there not be enough in your hands, be pleased to apply to Messrs Lux and Bowley who have 100 Bbls of Flour of ours in their custody, we wish the vessell to be dispatched.

June 18 1776

Original.

[Hall's Memorial.]

To the Honble Council of Safety of Maryland:

Richard Bennet Hall of Prince Georges County, Captn of a Company in the twenty fifth Battalion of the Militia of Maryland, begs leave to represent to your Honourable Board, that James Mullikin appointed First Lieutenant of the Company which he commands, has at divers times endeavoured to injure your Memorialist in the opinion of his neighbours by Misrepresentation, thereby creating divisions in the said Company, to the great detriment of the service and particularly by using abusive language to your Memorialist when in the execution of his duty, and by striking and abusing one of the privates of the said Company on the day of Muster—all which your Memorialist submits to your Honours and prays that a Court Martial may be appointed, for hearing and determining this matter and (if your honours think proper) that the said Court be composed of officers from Col: Joseph Sim's Battalion in Prince Georges County.

Annapolis 18th June 1776.

C. S. J.

Wednesday 19 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to James Royston two Pounds four Shillings and eight Pence as pr Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to James Hutchings of Queen Ann's County twenty nine Pounds for the Difference of Value of his Vessel occasioned by the sinking of the said

Vessel in the Channel of the River Patapsco for the Preserva- C. S. J.
tion of Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mr William Lux One hundred Pounds Currency for the Freight of Powder from St Eustatia.

Copy of Letter N° 27 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Worcester County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Gordon of Baltimore Town One hundred and twenty four Pounds one Shilling common money being the Ballance of his Account for Cartouch Boxes Bayonet Belts and Gun slings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Erasmus Uhler of Baltimore Town fifty nine Pounds ten Shillings, the Balance of his Account for Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Gunslings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Col. George Plater eight Pounds four Shillings and six Pence for Expences incurred in erecting Beacons on the River Patowmack.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs John Shaw and Archibald Chisholm twenty nine Pounds seven Shillings and eight Pence for stocking Musquets and for other Services as p^r Account.

Copy of Letter N° 28 was sent to Dr Edward Johnson of Calvert County.

Information being lodged with the Council that a certain Alexander McGee of Baltimore County now in Custody at Baltimore Town had been guilty of Offences tending to disunite the People of this Province in their present Opposition to the measures of the British Ministry, Ordered That Col. Smallwood be directed to send the said Alexander McGee under a sufficient Guard as soon as may be, to this Board.

Ordered That Summonses issue to William Buchanan and William Lyon of Baltimore County to testify against the said Alexander McGee before this Board on Monday next the 24th Instant.

Summonses issued accordingly.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Mr Carroll attended.

Ordered That the Supervisors of the Gunlock Manufactory in Frederick Town deliver to Captain Stricker all the Gunlocks which are compleat at the said Manufactory.

Copy of Letter N° 29 was sent to Capt Abraham Vanbebber.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Schooner Three Sisters, Capt Joseph Handy master, Vid N° 30.

C. S. J. Ordered that, in Case Col. Joshua Beall has not already sent the Musquets made by John Yost for the use of this Province, to Captains Rezin Beall and John Allen Thomas Captain Barton Lucas be requested to send the same in a Waggon to be procured for that Purpose.

Adjourned till next Day 10 Clock.

[Council to Worcester Committee.]

C. S. C. No. 27. To the Committee of Observation for Worcester County.

Gent^n^

Mr Wallace and sundry other Gentlemen in Company are about to set up and carry on a salt-work on the seaboard in your County; it is in our opinion a matter of so much consequence to the public, as to merit any possible encouragement, and therefore request you to forward it, by giving the gentlemen engaged therein your friendly assistance.

19th June 1776

[Council to E. Johnson.]

No. 28.

To Doct^r^ Edwd Johnson of Calvert Co^ty^

Sir. We received yours of the 14th informing us of the Discovery of a Clift or Bank on the river Patuxent strongly impregnated with common salt, and are in great hopes that on a further inspection it may prove adequate to our utmost wishes,—but as experiment only can ascertain the Quantity of the earth of that quality you will greatly oblige us if you would make the proper Tryals, how far and to what depth it may probably be traced. If it's extent should be considerable, it will be a discovery of the greatest importance to the public, and we therefore wish you would immediately communicate to us the success of y^r^ enquiry, and we will most cheerfully reimburse you all expences you may be at in making the experiment.

We are pleased with the progress you advise us you are making in the manufactory of Salt Petre, and are in hopes that by a skilful management and proper attention of the several managers in this province, the demands for that useful article may be sufficiently supplied in a short Time. We wish you full success.

20th June 1776

[Council to A. Vanbebber.] C. S. C. No. 29.

To Captn Abraham Vanbebber.

June 18th 1776

Sir. You have inclosed an Invoice and Bill of Lading for 240 Bbls Flour, 60 Bbls. Bread & 250 Keggs ditto in the Schooner Three Sisters, Captain Joseph Handy master, which we hope will reach you safe; you will dispose of the Cargo to the best advantage for the benefit of the Province according to your general instructions, and the letters heretofore sent you; and be pleased to make our returns by the same vessel in small arms, to which you may add a few field pieces if to be had cheap, if these cannot be got, you are to send us Powder and Blankets—we designed to send you also two other vessels, the Brigs Fortune and Rogers, but these vessels have been long detained by the men of war and Tenders, the Brig Fortune had sailed, but was obliged to put back again, we apprehend that we shall be obliged to unload those vessels and send their cargoes to you in smaller vessels.

We have received your letters of 9th & 22d March, and have also paid your Bill dated 24th March to Captn John Stout for 800 dollars, and also your draft to Captn Copper on W. Lux for £90 Cy. & have got in safe the goods you sent us by the wicked Dick, Captn Tibbett, also by the Pilot Boat Chatam, and some powder we hear is arrived in N° Carolina not yet got to hand, we would caution you against sending any more that way as yet—the coast there is too dangerous at present, full of Men of War and Tenders—we shall be glad to hear from you by every good opportunity.

P. S. The Brig Nancy Captn Wise addressed to you, has been unfortunately taken by a Tender in Annamesseck road, in a Fog which prevented the Captn from seeing her approach, until she was so near, that he could not avoid the misfortune.

June 20th 1776

[Council to Handy.] No. 30.

To Captain Joseph Handy.

Sir. You are to proceed from hence with all possible dispatch to the Island of St. Eustatia, with the Letters directed to Mr Abraham Vanbebber who will give you directions, what you are to do with your Cargoe—his advice you are to follow in every particular; should you have any goods put on board by Captn Vanbebber to bring back, as soon as you have done your business, make the best of your way home, and avoid speaking with vessells on the Coast or elsewhere; when you

C. S. C. come into the latitude of our Cape, if you have a strong wind in, and no danger of men of war or Tenders, push up the bay as far as possible, if you find a better chance of getting safe into any of the Inletts between Cape Henlopen and Cape Charles than into our Bay, you may push into one of them and send an express to the Council of Safety, letting them know where you are and what you have got, take care to land your goods as soon as you can under the directions of a Committee, for fear of being followed by Tenders or other armed vessels—in going out you are to take a brisk gale of wind or get out in the night; hope you will conduct yourself with care and industry, in the voyage—if you are chaced & find you must be taken, throw all your papers over board with weights to sink them—should Mr Vanbebber not be at St Eustatia, or in that neighbourhood, you are to apply to Mr Richd Harrison at Martinique and deliver your letters for Vanbebber to him & follow his Directions.

June 20th 1776

Original. [Dugan to Council.]

Baltimore 19th June 1776.

Gent^n^ Your fav^r^ of yesterday is now before me, desiring me to deliver the Schooner Three Sisters a load of your flour in my hands, but am at a loss to know the quality you would have shiped in that vessel, whether of the superfine or the common fine kind, and I further desire to advise you the state of the Ninety two's Cargo, as its all now landed a great part of which we find musty & sower, and in bakeing it up are oblidg'd to pick out some good casks and mix with the bad in order to make the bread good & its keeping so. We have got a considerable quantity that we reckon exceeding good already baked and are still going on bakeing for your the publick acco^t^ the damage in the flour I take it is principally owing to its being packed in quite green casks, as when we take out the heads of many of them find the flour on the top as green as grass, and almost as hard as a board.

its geting cool fast, and hope you wont loose any of it, it appears to us hear it would answer you much the best to ship the 100 Bls flour of yours in Messrs Lux & Bowlys hands that has not been yet heated in a Vessel's hould, which with some of your Bread in Barrels & in kegs that was in the 92 and is now in my hands will make a good Cargo for this vessel three sisters to the West Indias as you mention.

I beg you may not immagin, I presume to dictate your Honourable Board, as you must know much better then I can

think or mention, but these circumstances you cannot be so immediately sensible off, and therefore think it my duty to advise you for your Government, & if you think proper to send this flour &c with me, you'l please let me immediately know what quantity of each & it shall be immediately done, if on the other hand you would chose sending Messrs L & Bs 100 Bs & please enclose me an order for it, I shall see it shiped and make up the remainder of this Cargo out of my stores Captn Handy particularly desires I would write you on the above heads, and begs you may order a quantity of the kegs as he says he can take a quantity of them where barrels will not go. I purpose being in Annapolis next Monday morning myself, when hope to satisfy you this caution is to prevent any future reflections, Interim hope to receive your orders for loading this Vessell before that time, which you may rest assured shall be done, and am Gentlen Your most obedt mot hum Servt

Cumberland Dugan:

[Deloplain to Council.] Original.

Fredrick County June 19th 1776

Gentlemen of the Council of Safety. The Company of Captain John Cormacks made choice of me as their Ensign, but as I am Unable to serve I should be Glad youl Please to Commission Mr George Brown in my stead, and I shall be allways ready and willing to serve my Country as a Soldier when ever it Lies in my Power from Sir your Hble Sert

Joshua Deloplain

Thursday 20th June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Christ'r Johnson five Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence for 25 yards blue Plush for Capt. Fulfords company of Artillery.

Copy of Letter N° 31 was sent to Cumberland Dugan of Baltimore Town, and Copy of N° 32 to Messrs Lux & Bowly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieutenant Archibald Anderson twenty two Pounds sixteen shillings and seven Pence being the Ballance of Captain James Hindman's Company Account to the 3d Instant.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant Archibald Anderson one Bolt of Osnaburgs for Capt Hindman's Company.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 33 was sent to Mr Cumberland Dugan of Baltimore Town, and Copy of N° 34 to Mr John Leypold.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock and met accordingly.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr Frederick Green fifty Pounds in Part Payment for printing the Bills of Credit emitted by the Resolutions of the Convention in its Session in December last.

Commissions issued to John Mackall appointed Captain, Thomas Jenkins, 1 Lieut, Bennet Tarlton 2^d L^t and Philip Evans Ensign of a Company of Militia in St Mary's County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 31.

[Council to Dugan.]

To Mr. Cumberland Dugan

Sir.

Inclosed you have an order for one hundred Barrels of Flour now in possession of Messrs Lux and Bowley, which we have already paid them for, and was to have gone by the Pilot Boat Chatam. You will be pleased to fill up the vessell with some of the superfine flour most likely to keep and answer the market, and where flour cannot be stowed away, then kegs of bread—and if there be not flour sufficient that is good and likely to keep then put on board bread to make up the cargoe, no time is to be lost, that this vessel may be got away with all imaginable speed.

20th June 1776

No. 32.

[Council to Lux and Bowley.]

To Messrs Lux & Bowley

Gent^n Please to deliver to Captn Joseph Handy the quantity of one hundred Barrels of flour which we have already paid for and was to have gone by the Pilot-boat Chatham.

20th June 1776

No. 33.

[Council to Dugan.]

To Mr. Cumberland Dugan

Sir. Since writeing the inclosed letter we have some expectation of loading another vessel of about 650 Barrels and should be glad to know when the bread will be baked, we shall probably want it next week, as also all the flour the Three Sisters cannot take.

20th June 1776

[Council to Leypold.] C. S. C. No. 34.

To Mr. John Leypold

Sir. The Council of Safety request you would go to Baltimore Town and examine the flour now in the Warehouse of Mr Cumberland Dugan, also examine some of the flour on board the Brigs Fortune and Rogers, and let us know on your return what state the same is in.

20th June 1776

[Calvert Committee to Council.] Original.

Calvert County 20th June 1776

Committee met according to adjournment. Present Eight members; Mr. B. Mackall in the Chair. The following Depositions were taken. David Hunter of Calvert County being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, Deposeth that some time about last Christmas a certain William Waller (now residing in the City of Annapolis) came to the Deponents House and said he had been sitting up the night before at Col. Fitzhugh's in Company with Governor Eden, and asked said Hunter why the Boat lay idle when he could procure Money for her, this Deponent asked him from whom, the said Waller answered that he would give him Money if he the said Hunter would carry a Letter to Lord Dunmore, then offered him this Deponent 3 or 4 half Joes, and told him that if he the said Hunter was taken, he would be supplyed with Books and Provisions, and handsomely rewarded when released. Sworn to before me the Subscriber the Day and year above

Richd Parran

David Hunter Junior of Calvert County being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, Deposeth that he was present when the said Waller offered his Father a sum of Money to convey a Letter to Lord Dunmore, that the said Waller asked this Deponent's Father whether this Deponent was a Whig or Tory, and being answered by this Deponent's that he was neither, the said Waller asked this Deponent what it would be for him to be confined in a Goal when he would be supplyed with History—and in Case he this Deponent met with any Tenders, that he might throw the letter overboard. Sworn before me the Day and year in this mentioned.

Richd Parran

Resolved that the above Depositions be immediately sent to the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County.

a true Copy from the Minutes

Benj. Mackall 4th Clerk pro. tem

C. S. J.

Friday 21st June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut[t] Silburn Williams, for the use of Captain Thomas Woolford, one hundred and seventy eight Pounds, ten shillings and eight Pence Curry for Am[t] of Subsist. of his Company.

Commissions issued to

Benjamin Dennis	app[d]	Capt[n]
John Townsend		1st L[t]
Thomas Outten		2[d] L[t]
Angelo Atkinson		Ensign

of a Company of militia in Worcester County.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Saturday 22[d] June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

Present as on yesterday, except M[r] Hall

M[r] Smyth attended

Commissions issued to

William St. Clair	app[d]	Capt[n]
Will[m] Morris		1st L[t]
Samuel Beck		2[d] L[t]
George Jackson		Ensign

of a Company of militia in Kent County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to L[t] Nich[s] Ruxton Moore nine Pounds, thirteen shillings for Expences incurred in marching the Train of Artillery from Balto. to Annapolis.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt[n] Thomas Ewing forty Pounds, seven shillings and three Pence, for Bal[a] of gen[l] Acc[t] filed.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Hanson Harrison two hundred and fifty Pounds, he having given Bond with security, for erecting a Salt-Works.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Original.

[E. Johnson to Somerville.]

An acc[t] from the following men, which deserted from the Ranger tender, belonging to the Roebuck, the 20th June, their permits dated the 21st signed by Cap[t] Dengerford, viz[t] John Walton of Boston, Sam[l] McKenzie of Phil[a] Rob[t] McMichael & Dan[l] McMichael of Phil[a] & say that there are about 40 men

of the 14 Regiment & about 500 negroes on Gwin's Island, the Roebuck of 44 guns, 20. 18 pounders & 22. 9 pounders & 2. 6 pounders—the Otter sloop of 14. 6 pounders & have about 40 men, the Roebuck has about 270 men. The Fowey 22 guns, 20. 9 pounders & 2. 18 pounders 100 men The Fincastle sloop tender 10. 4 pounders 35 men Lieu^{t} Wright. Lady Susanna Bridges Goodrick 4. 3 pounders, 2. 2 pounders, 20 men, The John Witworth 4. 3 pounders, 4 swivels 12 men, the Lady Gower, Captn not known, 4 Brass 3 pounders 14 men. Lady Augusta 2. 2 pounders & 6 swivels 15 men. N. B. 26 of the Roebucks Marines & says that Dunmores ship has 6. 3 pounders 4 wall pieces about 6 white men & 25 negroes, men & women, about 20 sail of ships, Brigs & about 80 sail of small vessels.

Dear Sir: A Call in midwifery prevented my complying with my promise of sending to you the acc^{ts} of our Militia which you will receive herewith I am fearful of being blameable in endorseing them as the Committee gave no orders but, I do hereby certify that I set as clk to the Committee of observation the day they were examined and allowed & this you may give as my private testimony if needful:

I am dear Sir, Y^{r} Hble. Servt

Calvert County June 22^{d} 1776. E. Johnson.

To Lt Co^{l} Alex^{r} Somerville:

[E. Johnson to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen: I rec^{d} your favour of the 19 moment p^{r} post and shall directly fulfil your desire in making the Experiment into the Clifts on this River that I informed you produced salt, since which I am informed that many of the neighbours both whites & blacks make what they want for use, and for your satisfaction shall give you some Extracts from that great & divine Philosopher Herman Borhaave to prove that Fossil or Rock Salt, Spring or Fountain Salt, & Sea Salt are alike in Virtue & may be any or all of them used either in the Medical or Culinary art, & therefore salt prepared either from earth or water may be safely used if to be obtained: These three salts (vizt Rock Salt, Spring Salt, Sea Salt) tho diff^{t} in their origin are all of the same nature 1st they all dissolve in the same quantity of water in proportion to their weight. 2^{d} Resolve spontaneously in the air: 3^{d} Produce Chyristals alike: 4th If added to aqua fortis they enable it to dissolve aurum. 5th They yield in distillation an acid spirit. 6th When dissolved in air deposite a great quantity of Earth. 7th They all crackle in the fire & lastly they afford no alcali nor are altered by putrefaction.

This author in a note says that in the village of Wilizca 5 leagues from Cracow there is a Salt Mine whose Inhabitants are so numerous as to found a kind of subterraneous Republic which has its polity laws Families Highway & common carriers Horses & other Cattle to draw the salt to the mouth of the quarry where it is taken up by Engines, & when a traveller arrives he is surprized w^h^ a long series of lofty vaults sustained by hugh Pillars cut with a chissel which being Rock salt appear by the incessant light of Flambeaux as so many Chrystals or Gems of various colours casting a lustre which the Eye can scarce bear & that those were first discovered in 1251. Boerh. Chemis. Vol 1 Article Com. Salt. The extent of our Clift is a full half mile & very rich in many places some more so then that first discovered. I have got leave of one of the owners to dig & search as I may think proper & the success you may be assured of having in a clear & true Narrative as soon as possible. The expence I shall take out of the Money in my hands as Supervisor of which I shall just mention & inform you that we have this last week made 8 pounds good large crude nitre.

I am Gent^n^ with all due respect

Y^r^ Hble Servt E. Johnson.

Calvert County June 22^d^ 1776.

Original.

[Garrett to Rumsey.]

Swann Creek 22^d^ June 1776.

Sir. Meeting an opportunity directly to Annapolis by Mr Paca's vessel I rec^d^ a small box Conta. Forty five Bayonets two has been heretofore [received] in the whole 47 hope they will all appear good, two [or three of] them were made before I got the pattern and some[thing dif]ferent. I shall continue to make but my hand [is very s]low at doing them, and could do much more worth [at o]ther Business. I am in hopes you'l allow all you can for them, I am sure I shall loose at any price as could be given me, but am content to do them as others doe, have been told 8/ was that price be kind enough to fill up the acc^t^ to what you allow others and if you would oblidge me so far as to receive the sum and send it up by some of our County Gen^t^ it would oblidge as Money is allways Necessary & the having it small bills will best suit for Harvest Money as that times approaching it must be prepared for:

I am Sir your very Hble Servt

Amos Garrett

To Col^o^ Benjamin Rumsey.

[Wood to Council.] Original.

Frederick County Maryland

Gentlemen: Whereas Mr Joshua Diloplane an Ensign of Captain John Cormacks Company of Militia is not able to serve, and having resigned, the Company made choice of Mr George Brown for ensign in his stead, and as Mr John Cock 1st Lieutenant and Peter Snider Ensign both of Captain Jacob Snodenberrys Company have moved out of the parts, the Company have made a new choice, and have chosen Mr Frederick Sours 1st Lieutenant Mr Adam Morningstar 2d Lieutenant and Mr Michael Unger Ensign. I hereby Certify that the abovesaid Choice is made and that the Companys are satisfyed, it being done at our Battalion Meeting the 19th this Instant June, and myself present. You'l please to grant Commissions to the above named, Mr George Brown as Ensign of Captain John Cormacks Company, and likewise to Mr Frederick Sour 1st Lieutenant Mr Adam Morningstar 2d Lieutenant and Mr Michael Unger Ensign all of Captain Jacob Snodenberrys company and part of the 37th Battalion, and youl oblige Gentlemen your most obedient Hble Servt

June 22d 1776. Joseph Wood.

[Dugan to Council.] Original.

Gentln Inclosed you have, Captn Joseph Handys receipt for the Cargo shipped by me in the Schooner Three Sisters pr your orders the flour in my store, belonging to you we have again examined with Mr Laypole which we seem to find much better than I expected, as the hundred barrels we have baked has taken nearly all of that which was damaged, as while the 92 was discharging I kept constantly on the wharf & tryed all that I coud get the plugs out of the heads, and what I found any way much damaged put into the Bakehouse, I have likewise examined every Barrel of this 140, on board the Three Sisters, and am sure its all good, that vessel should been all filled with flour but the Captn begd I woud spare him the 40 Bls Bread in order to put in his fore hould, for he said if he was to fill all up with flour his vessell would have been too much by the head & considerably out of trim for sailing, I believe Mr Luxs 100 Bbs is very good & yet fresh, as to the bakeing am going on and picking out all the flour I find any way going, suppose I have now abot twenty thousand wt already baked, but shall be with you next Monday & advise you any other perticulars you may want to know, mean while I advise you to Mr Laypole who has taken all possible care in examining the flour bread bake house warehouse &c for your further information, and am in great haste as the bearer waits,

Your most obedt Huml Servt

Cumberland Dugan

Baltimore 22d June 1776.

C. S. J. Sunday 23rd June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment.

Present the same members, as on yesterday

Copy of Letter N° 35 was sent to Joseph Middleton of the city of Annapolis.

Permit was granted to Mattw Brown of Dorchester County Attorney at Law, to pass from any Sea-Port Town in this Province, to Europe with his Baggage.

Commission was made out to Thomas Russell, Commander of the armed Boat, Rebecca & Sally, of Balt° County, and Bond taken according to Resolve of Congress of 3rd April last.

Ordered That Captain Joseph Speake deliver to Capta Thomas Russell 1 Quarter Cask of Gun powder, to be returned in kind at Balt° Town by Robt Purviance

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 35. [Council to J. Middleton.]

To Mr. Joseph Middleton

Sir, You are desired to proceed up the bay and give intelligence to any outward bound vessels you may meet with that are coming down, that the man of war is at her station at the mouth of the river to receive the Governor and that we think it prudent that they delay coming down 'till the man of war departs.

23rd June 1776

Original. [William Lux to Council.]

Snow Hill 23d June 1776.

Gentlemen. On my arrival here I made enquiry after Mr Brown & found him an Inhabitant of the Town. He is a young man under 30, but very hearty and was brought up in the Train, came to America in that service with a certificate of his qualifications from Genl Conway, and was promised preferment but another being put over his head he resigned. He is by birth an Hibernian, & related to Capt Thos Ewing. If therefore you could place him there it woud I presume be most agreeable, But as he must understand the profession superior to any of that corp, I should think him the fittest for Capt Fulfords 1st Lieut. The people here speak well of him as a sober modest man, and being on all occasions ready to give them information: I am with due deference Gentlemen Your most obedt Servt Willm Lux.

[Montagu to Eden.] Original.

Fowey off Annapolis M^d^ 23^d^ June 1776.

Sir. I have the happiness to acquaint you that last night I arrived here with his Britannick Majesty's ship the Fowey under my Command, agreeable to an order from Captain Hammond of his Majesty's ship the Roebuck, and senior officer of his Majestys ships at Virginia, and in consequence of your application to him, I have hoisted the flag of truce at my foretop gallant masthead to shew that I am not come in an hostile manner, and of which I desire you will be pleased to acquaint the Inhabitants, that they may not offer any insults to my officers & boats and on my part I shall hold the truce most sacred. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that every accommodation the Fowey can afford is at your and your friends service, and that my boats shall at any time be ready to attend your coming off; and sent for your property.

I am Sir, Your very hum^l^ Servt Geo. Montagu.

To His Excellency Robert Eden Esqr

Monday 24th June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Major Jenifer.

Mr Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt Luke Marbury three pounds, seven shillings and six Pence Curry, for part of his Comp^y^ ordered on Duty by the Committee of Observation.

Permit granted to John Riddell of the Colony of Virginia, to pass from any Sea Port Town in this Province to Europe with his Baggage (he having first produced a Passport from the Committee of Safety of Virginia licensing such Departure).

Copy of Letter N° 36 was sent to George Montagu Esqr Commander of the Fowey.

Copy of Letter N° 37 was sent to his Excellency Robt Eden Esqr

Mr Hayward has leave of absence.

Copy of Letter N° 38 was sent to Col° Matthews of Accomack County.

The Council agreed with Messrs Jenifer and Hooe to load the Schooner John, according to Charter-party of this date filed.

Ordered, That John Allen Thomas march the independent Company under his command to Cedar Point or Susquehanna, in the lower parts of St. Mary's County, and guard the shores from thence to the river Potowmack, to prevent any servants, negroes, or others from going on board the Fowey ship of

C. S. J. war, as also to repel any violence; Captn Montague having broke the truce, until she shall pass through that part of the province, and have gone clear of the mouth of Potowmack river.

Ordered That Colo Smallwood be requested to furnish Captain Pitt with a Serjeant, and six men properly armed, and accoutred to assist in sailing or rowing his boat, and repelling any force, or violence, which shall be offered her by the Fowey, or any of her tenders or boats.

Copy of Letter No 39 was sent to the independent Captains respectively.

Copy of Letter No 40 was sent to Captn James Nicholson.

Copy of Letter No 41 was sent to Captn Jams Nicholson also.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 36.

[Council to Montagu.]

To George Montagu Esqr

Sir. Representations have been made to the Council of Safety this morning by Mr Samuel Galloway and others inhabitants of this Province, setting forth that a number of white servants belonging to the several persons so applying had run-away from the service of their masters. We are also informed that a Soldier in the service of this Province had deserted from Captain Scott's Compy—a flag is sent with the list of the servants, and to request the delivery of them, and of the soldier, if they should be found on board, and if they or any others should hereafter attempt to get on board, we expect they will not be received. We are authorized by the convention to say that the people of this Province will strictly observe the truce, in confidence that Captain Montagu will do the same.

June 24th 1776

[List of servants.
Hugh Job, Taylor
James Brooke, Painter } belong to Mr S. Galloway
Robert Skinner, Carver } left West River last night.
John Holly, Gardiner
Thomas Wilkinson Waitingman } belongs to Mr James Cheston.
Joseph Hallam file Cutter, belongs to Wm Nevin.
John Nottingham, a young english Lad about 18. deserted from Capt. Scott.
John Wilson, blacksmith, belongs to John Campbell Lindsey.

[Council to Eden.] C. S. C. No. 37.

To his Excell^{y} Robt Eden Esqr

Sir. Application having been made this morning by Mr Samuel Galloway and other inhabitants of this Province to our board representing that a number of servants had left their masters, a list of which we send you inclosed, and that they had reason to believe they were gone on board the ship of war or her Tenders now at Anchor in the road—We request the favor of your excellency to interpose your good offices with Captain Montagu for the delivery of the servants to their respective masters, if they should be found on board. We are authorized by the Convention to say that the people of this Province will strictly observe the truce, in confidence that Captn Montagu will do the same.

June 24th 1776

[Council to Beall.] No. 38.

To Captn Rezin Beale.

Sir. We are directed by the Convention to inform you that Captn Montagu of the Fowey ship of war has broke the Truce, that you may be prepared to repel any violence which he may offer on his passage down the bay, or attempt to procure Provisions. I enclose resolve of Convention.

24th June 1776

[Council to Matthews.] No. 39.

To Col^{o} Matthews of Virginia.

Sir. Captain Speake of the Schooner John has informed us that you have been so kind as to appoint a guard over the powder and other articles imported into Accomack County for the use of this Province, for which we return you our Thanks —hope you will continue your good offices in the case thereof until these articles are removed, which we have given orders to be done as soon as possible.

24th June 1776

[Council to Nicholson.] No. 40.

To Captain James Nicholson.

Sir.

Captain Montagu of the Fowey ship of war has broke the truce and we are directed by the Convention, who have information of your being on your Passage from Baltimore hither, to apprize you of it, that you may take such measures as you may think prudent & necessary to guard against falling into his hands.

24th June 1776

C. S. C. No. 41.

[Council to Nicholson.]

To Captain James Nicholson.

Sir. Captain Montagu of the Fowey Ship of War has broke the Truce, and we are directed by the Convention to apprise you of it, and to send you the enclosed resolve which you will conduct yourself agreeable to.

24th June 1776

Original.

[Galloway to Council.]

To the Honll the Council of Safety, the Petition of Samuel Galloway on behalf of himself and James Cheston humbly sheweth that on Sunday evening of the twenty third instant, Hugh Job, a Taylor, James Brooke a Painter, Robert Skinner a Carver, John Kelly a Gardener and Thomas Wilkinson, waiting man made their escape from your Petitioners house at West River in a Battoe, and that your Petitioners have great reason to entertain a Suspicion that they have or will endeavour to get on board the Fowey ship of War, now lying off this city. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray this Honourable Board, that they will immediately take such steps as they shall think most proper for the apprehension of the above mentioned servants and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray:

June 24th 1776. Saml Galloway.

C. S. C.

[Eden to Barrister Carroll.]

His Majys ship Fowey, June 24th 1776.

Sir. In answer to your letter by Captain Stone which I have just received, relative to the application made by Mr Galloway and others, on account of some runaway servants, I can only say that Captain Montagu's orders to receive on board, and give protection to all, British well affected subjects are positive; and that he does not consider its in his power, consistently with those orders, to comply with your request. He says that you cannot consider this refusal as any violation of the peace; That the Fowey has not, and will not receive any runaway slaves on board, that he is bound by, and must follow, his instructions; That all vessels belonging to this place, now along side he intends giving up; And that he has never sent ashore to bring servants off or encourage deserters. I can add no more than that every exertion of my interest, or interposition on this subject, must prove ineffectual against the Kings orders: I hope we shall get away tomorrow and not be delayed by any obstruction to the baggage, or stock, of the

Gentlemen here, as yet not brought off. Wishing peace and prosperity to the province on Constitutional principles, I am Sir, C. S. C.

Your obed[t] humble Servant, Rob[t] Eden.

To Charles Carroll Esq[r] Bar[s]

[Montagu to Carroll.] Original.

Fowey off Annapolis 24th June 1776

Sir It is my wish in every respect inviolably to preserve the Truce under which His Majesty's ship Fowey came up this Bay for his Excellency your Governour, and as soon as his Effects are all on board, which I expect them to be to morrow morning, the Fowey will return to the Fleet, without committing any Hostility if His Majesty's Colours receive no Insult.

With regard to the servants for whose return you apply, my Instructions prohibit my discharging them to suffer perhaps a severe and Ignominious servitude, nor is it in my power to deliver up any subjects of His Majesty who embrace his service, and risk their lives in seizing an opportunity for that purpose.

The Orders to His Majesty's ships are peremptory, to receive all persons well affected, and give them every protection. Such boats alongside this ship as are the property of any Inhabitants of Maryland shall under the Truce be immediately restored to the persons claiming them: I intended to have had them landed this Evening. I hope that no Obstruction will be given to the remainder of Gover[r] Eden's Baggage, and that of the Gentlemen going down with him being immediately put on board, as I have orders to proceed down the Bay, as soon as that service which brought me up is Compleated. I am, Sir, your humble Servant

Ch[s] Carroll, Esq. Geo. Montagu

Tuesday 25th June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Same Members present as on yesterday. Maj[r] Jenifer attended.

Commission issued to Zepheniah Beall appointed Ensign of Captain Orme's Company of Militia in Frederick County belonging to the 16th Battalion.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Briscoe fifteen shillings, for going express on Acc[t] of N[o] Carolina Prisoners

Copy of Letter N[o] 42 was sent to Colo[s] Hall and Weems of Ann Arundel County respectively.

C. S. J. Ordered That Colonel Smallwood be requested to send forty three Musquets and seventeen rifles to Captⁿ Beall at Drum Point, as soon as conveniently may be.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Captˢ Watts, Merriken & Hammond respectively the quantity of 4ᵂ Powder, 16ᵂ Buck-shot & 20 Gun flints, each

Copy of Letter N° 43 was sent to Captⁿ Rezin Beall.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col° Wᵐ Buchanan ten pounds, two shillings and six pence for a large rifle.

Ordered, That Robert Smith Esqʳ deliver to Col° Smallwood or his order all the Provincial arms and accoutrements, which were hertofore entrusted to the care of his Excellency Robert Eden Esqʳ

In Consequence of the proceedings of the Committee of Observation of Calvert and Ann Arundel Counties, William Waller of the City of Annapolis was brought before this board, and the charge against him being read and considered, It was thereupon ordered that he give security in the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds, for his appearance before this board on the third day of July next and for want of such security that he be committed to the custody of a Guard to be appointed for that purpose.

Messʳˢ Cornelius Garretson and Wᵐ Noke appeared before this Board and together with the said William Waller voluntarily recognized as follow, and severally acknowledged themselves to be therewith content.

"You William Waller, Cornelius Garretson and William Noke do severally acknowledge yourselves to stand indebted to the Honᵇˡᵉ Daniel of Sᵗ Thomas Jenifer Esqʳ President of the Council of Maryland in the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds currency each, to be levied of your goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in case the said William Waller shall not appear before the Council of Safety on the third Day of July next, to answer such charge, as shall be then and there exhibited against him, and not depart without leave of said Council.

Ordered that Subpœnas issue for David Hunter Senior, and David Hunter junior of Calvert County, to testify and declare their knowledge of, and concerning the conduct of a certain William Waller of the City of Annapolis on the third Day of July next who stands charged of attempting to convey intelligence to Lord Dunmore.

Mʳ Smyth withdrew from the Council of Safety, and a new plan for constructing Row-Gallies, or Gondolas having been laid before the Convention, and approved of by them, and

Messrs Steward and Galloway and Thomas Smyth not being able to compleat the building seven vessels in time, 'tis agreed by consent of all parties, that the former contract be dissolved, and a new agreement is this day entered into as p^r^ the written Contracts filed. C. S. J.

Mr Hands has leave of absence.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas B. Hands Esqr twelve Pounds, twelve shillings, for 18 Day's attendance, as a member of the Council of Safety.

Copy of Letter N° 44 was sent to George Montague Esqr commander of the Fowey, ship of war.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Messrs Jenifer and Hooe twenty two Pounds, ten shillings, on Acco^t^ of sloop Molly.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to said Jenifer and Hooe the further sum of one hundred and forty Pounds for Freight of Powder &c: on Acc^t^

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

[Council to Hall & Weems.] C. S. C. No. 42.

To Col° Hall & Weems (respectively)

Sir.

Captain Montagu of the Fowey ship of war having broke the Truce by receiving a number of servants belonging to the good people of this Province, and refusing to deliver them on demand made by a flag sent for that purpose; we are directed by the Convention to order part of your Battalion to keep guard in the most proper places from the mouth of South River to the mouth of Fishing-Creek to repel any violence which may be offered by the said vessel or her Tenders as also to prevent servants or slaves making their escape from their masters. You will therefore take care to station at the most convenient places on that coast such of your militia well armed and provided with ammunition as can be prudently spared for the said purposes, and that you continue to keep guard on that station untill the above vessells shall have sailed down the Bay.

25th June 1776

[Council to R. Beall.] No. 43.

To Captn Rezin Beall.

Sir.

As we are apprehensive that the ship of war on her return down the Bay may make some attempt to land, either to procure provisions or make depredations, we have therefore sent

C. S. C. you 43 musquets and 17 Rifles in good order, that you may be enabled to defeat any such designs. You will by the return of the Cart send us such of the arms as you now have, that are so defective and bad that cannot be used. We imagine that these muskets and rifles are more than you will want at Drumpoint and that the overplus you will send to Capt[n] Thomas—we expect that arms are arrived at Port Tob[o] for the Troops stationed there before this Time.

25th June, 1776

No. 44. [Council to Capt. Montagu.]

Sir. By command of the Council of Safety I inclose you their resolution of yesterday, which expresses the occasion of discontinuing an intercourse with the Fowey, which was wished and expected to end more satisfactorily. Any measures that may be attempted for the ostensible cause of stopping the Governor's baggage, must properly be imputed to your breach of the truce, and will be resented in full proportion to the injury.

[Dan[l] of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Pres[t]]

Original. [Montagu to Jenifer.]

Fowey Off Annapolis the 25th of June 1776.

Sir. I have been waiting all this day for the return of the boat with the remainder of the Governors baggage, but to my great astonishment perceive she is still alongside the wharf; and as I yesterday received a letter from M[r] Carroll on behalf of your board, am apprehensive she is detained. If that is the case it will break off the Truce that is now subsisting between his Majesty's ship under my command, and the province of Maryland.

I desire that you will be pleased to let me know the reason of this delay of the boat, that I may take my measures accordingly; and desire that his Majestys boat now sent on shore, will return with an immediate answer.

I am Sir, Your humble Servant:

Geo. Montagu.

To the President of the Council of Safety:

It being represented that Tho[s] Selby, W[m] Orme and Leonard Pearel enrolled in the Company formerly commanded by Capt[n] Beall, now Capt[n] Bracco's refuse to join their Corps now at the

Camp, near New York, this Board request Capt[n] Beall to send them under a guard of a serjeant and six men of his Company to this place as speedily as possible.

To Captain Philip Hall.

[Charge against Waller.] C. S. C.

Calvert County 20th June 1776.

Committee met according to adjournment. Present eight members M[r] B. Mackall, in the Chair. The following depositions were taken David Hunter of Calvert County being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth, that some time about last Christmas a certain William Waller (now residing in the City of Annapolis) came to this Deponents house, and said he had been setting up the night before at Col. Fitzhugh's in Company with Governor Eden and asked said Hunter why his boat lay idle, when he could receive money for her, this Deponent asked him from whom, the said Waller answered that he would give him money, if he the said Hunter would carry a letter to Lord Dunmore, then offered him this Deponent 3 or 4 half Joes, and told him that if he the said Hunter was taken, he would be supplied with books and provisions, and handsomely rewarded when released, sworn to before me the subscriber the day and year above

Rich[d] Parran.

David Hunter Junior of Calvert County being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposeth that he was present when the said Waller offered his father a sum of money to convey a letter to Lord Dunmore, that the said Waller asked this Deponents father whether this Deponent was a Whig or Torey, and being answered by this Deponent that he was neither, the said Waller asked this Deponent what it would be for him to be confined in a goal, when he would be supplied with history, and in case he this Deponent met with any tenders, that he might throw the letter over board. sworn before me the day and year within mentioned:

Rich[d] Parran.

Resolved that the above depositions be immediately sent to the Committee of observation for Anne Arundel County:

A True Copy from the minutes:

Benj[n] Mackall 4th Clk Pro. Tem.

Annapolis June 25th 1776. In Committee of observation.

W[m] Waller of this city was brought before this Committee in consequence of an order given to Cap[t] James Tootell of this

C. S. C. day for apprehending s[d] Waller as have committed an offence of a most dangerous nature. Resolved that Cap[t] Tootell do carry s[d] Waller to the Council of Safety now sitting and that the proceedings of the Committee of Calvert County w[h] were sent to this Committee and in pursuance whereof the said Waller was taken into custody be sent to the said Council: A true copy of the Proceedings:

Stephen Steward.

To the Committee of observation:

C. S. J. Wednesday 26th June 1776

Met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered that Col[o] Smallwood be requested to detach a non-commissioned officer and two privates, to guard the arms directed to be sent to Capt[n] Rezin Beall.

Ordered That Col[o] John Hall of Ann Arundel County be requested to detach part of a Company of Militia in his Battalion to guard and watch the coast from Thomas's point to Horn-point.

Copy of Letter N[o] 45 was sent to Capt[n] Rezin Beall, & N[o] 46 to Jesse Hollingsworth of Balt[o] Town.

The Brig Fortune chartered by M[r] William Lux, and the Brig Rogers chartered by M[r] George Woolsey having remained some time in the harbour laden with flour and bread belonging to this province, and no probability of their geting to their Port of Delivery, by reason of men of war and tenders, infesting the Bay, and their cargoes being in danger of becoming altogether spoiled and of no value,

'Tis therefore ordered by the Council of Safety that the said vessels be unladen, and their cargoes delivered to M[r] Jesse Hollingsworth, to whom written directions are given, how to dispose of the same and that the said vessels be discharged from the public service.

Commission issued to Rich[d] Gresham app[d] third Lieutenant of Capt[n] Thomas Smyth's Company of Militia of Light Infantry in Kent County, belonging to the 13th Battalion.

Ordered That Captain James Nicholson be empowered to purchase Salt Beef and Pork for the use of the Ship's crew belonging to the Defence.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Jesse Hollingsworth four hundred and nine pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence, for expences incurred in raising and refitting the vessels sunk at Whetstone point, for the defence of Baltimore Town.

Ordered, That said Treasurer pay unto Daniel Adams seventy one pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence, for detention of Schooner Hawk and wages for his Seamen, she being one of the afs[d] Vessels, that were sunk. C. S. J.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Seth Paddock eighty eight pounds, five shillings, and seven pence half Penny, for wages and detention of Sloop, May Flower she being one of the vessels sunk for the preservation of Baltimore Town.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Daniel Adams, according to the direction of the Convention, one hundred and fifty four Pounds, fifteen shillings for Flour purchased by him to ship on Board the Schooner Hawk p[r] Invoice.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Hunlock Palfrey, according to the direction of the Convention, two hundred, and ten pounds, one shilling and nine pence for Flour purchased as above p[r] Invoice.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the said Hunlock Palfrey the further sum of two hundred and ten pounds, seven shillings and one Penny, for Flour by him purchased for the Purpose mentioned in the preceeding orders.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan one hundred and forty two pounds, five shillings and two pence, for Flour by him purchased for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered That Jesse Hollingsworth of Baltimore Town be requested to discharge the Am[t] of storage of the Flour purchased of Hunlock Palfrey and that the Council of Safety will re-imburse him for the same.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western-shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esq[r] eleven pounds four shillings for 16 Day's attendance, as a member of the Council of safety.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Cl[k]

[Council to R. Beall.] C. S. C. No. 45.

To Capt. Rezin Beale

Sir.

The man of war this moment broke ground and is on her way down the Bay. We have dispatched a Cart with 60 stand of arms ; By it you may return such of your muskets as are not fit for service. We refer you to our letter of the 24th by which you are to govern yourself.

26th June 1776

C. S. C. No. 46.

[Council to Hollingsworth.]

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

Sir.

You are hereby requested to cause the two Brigs Fortune and Rogers now lying at Baltimore Town to be unloaden, and have their cargoes as also the cargoes bought of Adams & Palfrey carefully examined; should the flour be in such order that 'tis likely to be spoiled, you are directed to have the same baked into bread for the use of the province—such of it as may be fit to be sent to market, you will send down the Bay in proper vessels, and have landed at Pitt's landing on Pocomoke, to the care of Captn Speake or Mr Beck of the Schooner John, to be thence carried by land to Chingoteague, and put on board the said schooner John now lying there, burthen about 650 Barrels, if that quantity of Barrels of flour should fall short, the rest of the schooner John's load, you are to send in bread. What flour is likely to spoil and must be baked, you will lodge with Mr Wm Spear and some part with Mr Cumberland Dugan [2/3 with Spear and 1/3 with Dugan], which they are to have baked for the public use. You are to let the owners of the vessels, Messrs Wm Lux & Geo. Woolsey, know that their brigs are discharged for the public service & that we will lay their case before Convention, who, we doubt not, will make them a reasonable allowance for the time they have been employed—if you cannot hire vessels to carry this Flour to Pocomoke without insuring them, we hereby authorize you to insure them at a reasonable value.

June 26 1776

Original.

[Murdock to Council.]

Frederick County June 26th 1776.

May it please your Honour's, Inclosed you have a state of the Arms in the hands of the 29th Battalion of Militia under my Command, so far as I have been able to obtain it, It may not be amiss to inform you, that although Capt Saml Wade Magruder had received my orders to meet in Battalion on the day appointed (which were given out before I received the orders from the Brigadier General to transmit an acco^{t} of the Arms &c) and had likewise afterwards heard of the Generals orders, yet neither he nor his Company did appear in the Field, which has rendered it impossible for me to furnish his list with the rest. I should have been more speedy in transmitting this account, had I not before, I heard any thing of the matter, given orders for the Battalion to meet, as I have told

you before, in short I did not receive the Generals letter until last Thursday. near three months ago I employed an Adjutant for the Battalion, who is greatly in want of money; should you think proper to send any for the purpose of paying him, it may be done by the Bearer Mr Edward Gale whose receipt shall be good, Capt Edward Burgess has requested me to mention his name as willing to receive a commission for the Flying Camp: In my opinion, I think him a proper person & that it would be in his power to raise a good company, in and near the place where he lives. I have to assure your honours, that it will give me pleasure to further the recruiting service for the Camp about to be established; & should it so happen that my name is remembered in convention, or Council of Safety, they may depend on my services in the station I may be appointed: With great esteem & respect, I am, May it please your Honours,

Y^r^ obedient Servant, John Murdock

[W. Buchanan to Council.] Original.

Annapolis 26th June 1776.

Gentl^n^ Presuming that the appointment of a victualer for the troops of this Province for the Flying Camp will be refered to you I take the liberty of offering my services in that departm^t^ and least it may be done in Convention, I have entered on their list for that purpose where no doubt I^d^ wish to have your Interest Individually:

I am Gent^n^ Y^r^ mo obed^t^ hble Servt Wm Buchanan

Thursday 27th June 1776. C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to

Jacob Winchester app^d^	1 L^t^	of a Company of Militia in Queen Ann's County.
Peter Cockey	2^d^ L^t^	
James Errickson	Ensign	

Copy of Letter N° 47 was sent to Wm Selby near Pitts-Landing, in Accomack County, in Virginia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col^o^ Jos^h^ Sim, for the use of John Addison, sixteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and two Pence, for guarding N° Carolina Prisoners.

Ordered that Western shore Treasurer pay to John Dean £6.. 5. Cy. for 12^lb^ cask Powder supply'd the Militia on Otter Alarm.

C. S. J. Ordered That Permit be made out for Seth Paddock of the colony of Massachusett's Bay to load his sloop May Flower with provisions or other commodities, not prohibited to be exported by congress; he giving security to this board, not to land his Cargoe at any Port inimical to America, and to conform himself in all things, to the resolves of the Honorable Continental Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to James Taylor, fifteen pounds, thirteen shillings, and eleven pence, for Gun Carriages.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris forty six pounds, three shillings, in part of his Acc^{t} as Armourer.

Ordered That Colonel Smallwood be requested to send a commissioned officer and six privates to guard the Powder from Chester Town to the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Kent County be requested to deliver to Mr Jos^{h} Middleton, all the public Powder now lodged in Mr Sluby's warehouse at Chester Town.

Ordered That Mr Joseph Middleton immediately prepare his Boat, and go therewith to Chester Town, and receive from the Committee of Observation of Kent County, all the public powder now lodged there, and bring the same to Annapolis.

The following memorial was presented to the Convention, by the Council of Safety.

"To the Honorable Matthew Tilghman Esqr President, and the other members of the honorable Convention.

"The memorial of the Council of Safety Sheweth, that at last December Session it was resolved, "that the sum of five thousand nine hundred pounds be appropriated to fortify the City of Annapolis, and place obstructions in the Channel of the river and that the same should be laid out for the purposes afs^{d} by the Council of Safety thereafter to be appointed, if it should appear practicable to them to erect such fortifications, and lay such obstructions for that sum, exclusive of the Cost of Cannon, powder, and the like, as would prevent men of war approaching the said City.

"The Council of Safety have not raised any fortifications, in consequence of said resolve, because it was not practicable in their opinion to fortify the City, and place obstructions in the channel of the river, for the sum to which they were limited by the resolve. they conceived it could not be done effectually without a much more considerable sum. the river Severn between the two points, at the mouth thereof, is near fifteen hundred yards over, the channel upwards of eight hundred yards, in some places the water twenty feet deep and more, as will appear by a Chart thereof, to which your memo-

rialists beg leave to refer, no obstructions have been thought C. S. J.
of by them proper to be placed in the channel of the river, but Chiveaux de frise, or piles, both these are liable to be soon destroyed by the worm. if large piles could be driven down headed with Iron, they would be eaten so much with worm, in the course of one season, that they would be easily born down by men of war, coming up under full sail with a brisk wind. all obstructions of wood are liable to this objection, and therefore in their opinion not to be depended on.

The Council of Safety endeavoured soon after their appointment to procure Cannon from Philadelphia or New York, but were disappointed, Mr Hughs hath not yet complied with his contract. the want of heavy cannon was a further reason, why they could not proceed. when they can be procured, your Memorialists are of opinion that Batteries may be erected on Greenbury's Point, the Wind-mill Point, Horn Point, and places adjacent, between that and the city on the South side of the River, which may be of service, to prevent Landing, altho' they might not fully answer the purpose of preventing men of war approaching the place.

"Your memorialists further observe that at the late Convention, it was thought expedient to appropriate part of the money for building three Row Gallies, or Gondolas, so that there will not remain more than three thousand pounds currency, or thereabouts to be applied to the erecting fortifications.

"Under these Circumstances your memorialists submit to the Honble Convention, whether they will direct the Council of Safety to endeavour to procure Cannon, and also buy up materials for erecting Batteries, giving them a discretionary power to draw on the treasury for such expences, as may be necessary, not exceeding a certain sum, or whether your honors will direct the residue of five thousand, nine hundred pounds, to be laid out in throwing up breast-works, and making other defences within the city, to prevent the Enemy landing, and taking possession thereof"

"By order and on behalf of the Council of Safety"
Danl of St Thos Jenifer, P:

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis and the Armourer deliver to Major Thomas Price thirty eight Gun Locks, for the rifles made at Frederick County.

Ordered That said Commissary deliver to Captn Veazey ½ Dozen Quire Cartridge Paper.

Ordered That the Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Capt. James Tootle sixteen pounds & eight Pence C^y^ for guarding Magazine &c:

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 48 was sent to the Committee of Kent County & N° 49 to Captn Edwd Veazey.

Ordered That the Commissioners of the Gun Lock manufactory at Frederick Town, furnish and make for Jacob Schley ten large Gun Locks agreeable to a patent they will receive for that purpose from said Schley.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Baker Johnson Esqr for the use of Thomas Edison thirty Pounds, for his attendance as Adjutant to Col° James Johnson's Battalion for the Term of five months to the 30th June 1776.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Clerk twenty Pounds for expresses &c.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 47. [Council to Selby.]

To Wm Selby, near Pitt's Landing, Accomack Co^{ty}

Sir. The Council of Safety has agreed with Mr Jesse Hollingsworth to send a Q^{ty} of flour from Baltimore Town to Pitts's Landing, to be carted across from thence to Chingoteague Inlet to be put on board the schooner John Captn Speake now lying there. We therefore request the favor of you to give Captain Speake or Mr Beck every friendly assistance in your power to convey the said flour from the Landing across to his vessel—the favour will be acknowledged, and any reasonable expence which you may incur therein will be paid by us as this vessel is loading on Account of the Province.

28th June 1776

No. 48. [Council to Veazey.]

To Captain Edward Veazey

Sir. We have wrote to the Committee of Observation of Kent County to hire waggons to convey a quantity of powder, sulphur &^{c} from Chingoteague in Accomack County to Talbot Court House, or to such place as Brigadier General Chamberlaine shall order or direct, and as it will be expedient that a guard should attend the carriage of the above articles; we desire you will order one of your Lieutenants with ten men on that service—the greatest care and attention is recommended to the officer you intrust on this business. You will direct your officer that when he shall arrive at Talbot Court House, that he immediately give notice of his arrival to General

Chamberlaine, and await such orders as he may think proper to give respecting the powder and other articles. C. S. C.

June 27 1776

[Council to Kent Committee.] No. 49.

To the Committee of Observation for Kent County.

Gent[n]

Twenty-two Barrels of Sulphur, Sixty Barrels of Gun-Powder, fourteen musquets, ten Bayonets, ten swivels & two Blunderbusses with their furniture, belonging to this province are lately arrived in Chingoteague in Accomack County in Virginia, and are now under the Care of Col[o] Matthews of that County.—as waggons cannot be procured in any of the lower Counties, we request you would immediately hire and despatch as many as may be thought necessary to convey the same from thence to Talbot Court-House, or to such place as Brigadier-General Chamberlaine shall order and direct

27th June 1776

[A. Buchanan to Council.] Original.

Balt[o] County June 27th 1776.

Gentlemen: I take leave to offer the inclosed plan of arrangement of the Militia under my direction to your consideration, the obvious utility in furnishing them better armed, and avoiding the inconvenience as well as expence of having too great numbers in service at the same time will I am persuaded present itself at first view and render it necessary, for me to recommend it, the Balt Town Battalion to whom it has as yet been only proposed will I believe readily adopt it, I shall do nothing further until it has received the sanction of your approbation:

I am w[t] respect y[r] hum[l] Serv[t]
And. Buchanan:

To Capt. A. B. To avoid calling out too many of the Militia at one time on alarm, I have it in instructions from the General, to throw each comp[y] of the Battalion in certain divisions, one of which only is to be ordered on duty at the same time, except on an extraordinary emergency. the mode adopted you have inclosed for your Government the advantages resulting therefrom will I make no doubt sufficiently recommend it, however you are to take the sense of your Original.

company therein, and advise me as soon as possible, that the General may be enabled to lay the plan before the Council of Safety for their approbation, without which it will not perhaps be put in practice. you are to have the effective arms in your company valued by the Commissioned officers or any three of them and marked B.1.&c and so progressively upwards taking a list thereof with the owners names, opposite its number that the same may be replaced or paid for by the Publick if lost or rendered useless in the service. It would be adviseable to place the best of these arms in the first division to be delivered over occasionally to the second, third & fourth, you will be pleased to loose no time in arraining your Compy and acquainting each person to what division they belong, if your Company should be incomplete the deficiency should fall in the last division as it can be easily supplied from those who have been in service before them &c.

N. B. Instructions to be given by the Cols to the Capts

Colo Wm Buchanan
Capt Zachs McCubbin

½ Balto Battalion — Col. Wm Buchanan

First Division — Composed

From Captains Company of		1 Sergt	1 Corporal,	15 Privates.
" Capt Galbraiths Company	1st Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Teams Company	2d Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Rutters Company	Ensign	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.

Second Division . . . . . Capt Willm Galbraith.

Composed

From Captain Company of		1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates
" Capt McCubbins Compy	1st Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Rutters Compy	2d Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Teams Compy	Ensign	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.

Third Division . . . . . Capt Fredk Teams.

Composed.

From Captain Company of		1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates
" Capt Rutters Compy	1st Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates
" Capt McCubbins Compy	2d Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Galbraiths Compy	Ensign	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.

Fourth Division . . . . . Capt Thos Rutter.

Composed

From Captains Company of		1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates
" Capt Teams Compy	1st Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt Galbraith Compy	2d Lieut	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.
" Capt McCubbins Compy	Ensign	1 Sergt	1 Corpl	15 Privates.

Original.

[Hindman to Council.]

Oxford June 27th 1776.

Gentlemen. At one oClock yesterday your letter came to hand inclosing a Resolve of Convention giving information of Capt Montague's Conduct, with directions to be prepared to

repel any violence offered by him, and to prevent his procuring provisions, should have been very happy to have received your commands three hours sooner, by that means I might have prevented Mr James Dickinson, Wm Thomas, John Stevens & Nicholas Martin going on board the Fowey man of war with several head of sheep & hogs, some as a present to the Governor others for sale, Mr Dickinson informed me some time before he set out that the Governor had permission from your Honors to take live stock on board the Man of War whenever she should come up and that he was to procure it for him, this Step has been taken by those Gentlemen without the Permission or Knowledge of the Committee of the County. Immediately on the Receipt of your letter, I hired a Boat put 20 men on board and sent in pursuit of them with orders to bring those Gentlemen with their sheep and hogs back again, about 8 oclock in the evening my boat met with them on their return having safely lodged all their Stock on board the Man of War I informed them of the Resolve of Convention and your orders to me, they have given me their Honor to attend at any time and place you may direct to answer for their Conduct. As I thought it necessary to inform you as soon as possible of this matter have hired a boat for the purpose in which Mr Anderson goes over & can fully relate to you every particular respecting those Gentlemen, shall be much obliged to you to send me by him an order for £100 or 150 as am getting the soldiers cloathes made up, and frequently purchasing little necessary articles.

I am Gent^n Your much obliged & obed^t hble Servt
James Hindman

Friday 28th June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That Cumberland Dugan of Baltimore Town deliver to Messrs Galloway and Steuard 2.000 w^t of Busquit by him baked for Provincial use, and two Barrels of Flour.

Copy of Letter N° 50 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County & N° 51 to the Committees of the several Counties respectively.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver out of the public Magazine, to Lieut^t Archibald Anderson 6 quire of Cartridge Paper, for the use of Captain Hindman's Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Captn James Hindman one hundred pounds Curry on Acc^t of Comp^y

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 52 was sent to Captain James Hindman. N° 53 to same & N° 54 to Lieut[t] Bennett Bracco.

Ordered That a public magazine be erected near Talbot Court-House in Talbot County under the care and management of Brigadier General Chamberlaine, for the reception and security of Gun Powder, and that the said magazine be built of Brick and Stone and of the following Demensions. Viz[t] 22 by 18 feet, arched with Brick, with a wire rod on the Top, and lined with Plank on end, and that the said James Lloyd Chamberlaine be requested to undertake the same, and render an Account of expences, that the same may be paid on behalf of the Province.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 50. [Council to Calvert Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation for Calvert County.

Gentlemen. When we wrote to you on the 4th instant, we did not intend to engage your County in the expence of building the barracks desired in our letter for lodging the men, we were of opinion they should be built at the expence of the Province, shall be obliged if you will as soon as you can set about erecting them and the expense shall be paid you.

June 28th 1776

No. 51. [To County Committees.]

Gentlemen.

We inclose you a resolution of the Congress desiring a complete List of the number of Inhabitants in our Colony. We request you will appoint some persons in your County for taking the number of Inhabitants both whites and blacks distinguishing respectively the age and sex of each therein, and shall be obliged if you will transmit it to us as soon as it is returned to you, we will pay any expence that may arise on employing persons to comply with this request.

To the Committee of observation of ———— County

No. 52. [Council to Hindman.]

To Captain James Hindman

Sir. Your favor of the 27th Instant p[r] M[r] Anderson, the Council has laid before the Convention, and therefore so far

as respects Mr Dickinson and others requires no answer from them. We have inclosed you an order on the E. S. Treasurer for £100, which we hope will be sufficient for the present. The Council desire you will furnish them with an acco^t^ of the expenditure of the money they have already advanced you towards clothing the Troops &^c^ they have determined not to advance any more money without Acc^ts^ being produced to them. C. S. C.

[Council to Hindman.]

To Captain Ja^s^ Hindman No. 53.

Sir.

Inclosed we send you the resolve of the Convention requiring the appearance of Messrs James Dickinson, Nicholas Martin, William Thomas and John Stevens before them on Tuesday next, with which you are desired to acquaint them. You will also be pleased to send any Persons whose testimony you may think material against them, and also to order up any witnesses whose attendance they may desire.

29th June 1776

[Council to Bracco.] No. 54.

To Lieut. Bennett Bracco

Sir.

We have this minute received your favour of the 26th Instant, p^r^ Sergeant Smith and are much concerned to hear the small pox has broke out among the Party under your command. We think it most advisable that all the men under your command who have not had the small pox, should be immediately innoculated and desire you would apply to Doct^r^ Craig for that purpose you will make the best bargain you can with the Doctor; all necessary expences will be paid by the Council in behalf of the Province.

29th June 1776

[Tyson's Proposals.] Original.

Proposals of Elisha Tyson with respect to erecting a mill for manufacturing Gunpowder at the little falls of Gunpowder river in Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland about eighteen miles distance from Baltimore Town and three from Joppa in Harford County:

The said Elisha Tyson having already made a Dam over the said stream and dug a Race for the purpose of building a

Water Grist Mill proposes instead thereof to erect a powder mill and retain the property in the premises on the sum of one thousand pounds Convention money being advanced to him without interest for the space of four years to be repaid in the following manner:—one fourth part thereof in Gunpowder at the price given by the Continental Congress at the expiration of one year from this date; one other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of two years from the date hereof, one other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of three years from the date hereof and the other fourth part thereof in the same Commodity at the expiration of four years from the date hereof.

The said Elisha Tyson proposes to appropriate a large part of the above £1000 to the purchase of Salt petre and other materials from private hands in this and other colonies.

He also proposes the province shall furnish him with one half of the salt petre imported into or manufactured in this Province as also one half of the Sulphur that shall become their property.

He will engage to manufacture powder at as cheap a rate at it is in the Province of Pennsylvania and in equal quantities in proportion to the quantity of materials found him for the use of the Province of Maryland.

He will give bond with good security for the performance of the above propositions.

June 28th 1776. Elisha Tyson.

Original. [Worcester Committee to Gist.]

In Committee June 14th 1776.

Sir. We recommend to your favour the bearer hereof Mr William Brown, being a person well attached to the common cause of America and has been very useful to the Militia of this County he will make his intentions known to you. We are Sir your mot obt and very humble Servt pr order of the Comee Benton Harris Chairman

To Major Mordicai Gist.

Original. [Lux to Council.]

Snow Hill 28 June 1776

Gentlemen. I have already wrote you that I had made enquiry after & seen Mr Brown, he is willing to wait on you and this will be delivered you by him. The members of the Convention from this County have orders, as I am told by one

of the Committee, to recommend him to you, he seems to have been active and spirited on the present occasion. The swivels that came in Capt Speak & small arms lie at Col^{o} Watts, if you will please to give orders to me I will carry them to Annap^{s} in our Sch^{r} and one cask of Powder, that in case of an attack from some of the little tenders we may defend her she will have 20 men on board. I am sorry they have committed such depredations as its contrary to the Governors promise, consequently the convention will be justified in making him amenable. I saw two of Capt Nicholsons men that had been taken by them on Friday on board a sloop belonging to one Mr Smith.

I am respectfully Gentl^{n}
Your most hum^{l} Servt Willm Lux.

Saturday 29th June 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Isaac Van bebber one hundred and eight pounds, for Demurrage of Brig Hannah.

Mr Isaac Van bebber delivers to the Council of Safety an Acco^{t} of 500^{wt} Gun Powder sold in N^{o} Carolina, which was imported for the use of this province amt^{g} to £200.. —.. C^{y} £130.. 9.. C^{y} of which the Council of Safety received from said Van-bebber, and ordered the same to be lodged in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which the Clerk did accordingly.

Mr Smyth having first withdrawn, the Council of Safety agreed to allow him & Messrs Galloway and Steuard, eight Pence currency p^{r} Pound for all the Iron, which they shall furnish, and use in building the Gondolas contracted for, on Behalf of this Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Richard Weedon four Pounds, twelve shillings & three Pence Curry, for supplying Severn Battalion on the Otter Alarm with Provisions.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Merriken nine Pounds, twelve shillings for supplying Severn Battalion with subsistence on the Otter Alarm.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harriss one hundred and twenty four Pounds, for his own & Hands Services as Armourers to the first Battalion.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harriss twenty Pounds C^{y} for the purchase of Brass-mounting at Philadelphia.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Powell eighteen Pounds Curr^{y}, for his services, as Adjutant to 30th Battalion of Militia.

It was agreed by the Council of Safety with Mr Walter Hanson of Charles County, that he shall have all the Salt Petre and Sulphur in proportion, belonging to the public sufficient to keep his Powder-Mill employed, if they can be able to furnish him with that quantity.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Zachariah McCubbin	Captn of Balt^{o}	£69.. 15..
Thomas Yates	1 L^{t} (of d^{o})	46.. 10..
John Christie	2 L^{t} (of d^{o})	46.. 10..
Thomas Lingan	Ens^{n} (of d^{o})	37.. 5..
Daniel Dorsey	Captn (of Ann)	£69.. 15..
Joseph Burgess	1 L^{t} (of D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Lorah	2 L^{t} (of D^{o})	46.. 10..
Mich^{l} Burgess	Ens^{n} (of d^{o})	37.. 5..
John Eager Howard	Captn (of Balt^{o})	£69.. 15..
Thomas Landsdale	1 L^{t} (of d^{o})	46.. 10..
Willm Ryley	2 L^{t} (of d^{o})	46.. 10..
Robert Murrow	Ensign (of D^{o})	37.. 5..
Edward Tillard	Captn (Ann^{l})	£69.. 15..
Saml Lloyd Chew	1 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Belt	2 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Gassaway	Ens^{n} (D^{o})	37.. 5..
Uriah Forrest	Captn (St Mrys.)	£69.. 15..
Wm Bond	1 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Moses Tabbs	2 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Edwd Mattingly	Ens^{n} (D^{o})	37.. 5..
Belaw Posey	Captn (Ch^{s})	69.. 15..
Henry Boarman	1 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Forbes	2 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Gerard Fowke	Ens^{n} (D^{o})	37.. 5..
Edward Norwood	Captn (Ann^{l})	69.. 15..
Saml Godman	1 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Jno W. Dorsey	2 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Richd Talbott	Ens^{n} (D^{o})	37.. 5..
James Disney	Captn (Ann^{l})	69.. 15..
Henry Ridgely jun^{r}	1 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Jon^{a} Sellman jun^{r}	2 L^{t} (D^{o})	46.. 10..
Edwd Spurier	Ens^{n} (D^{o})	37.. 5..

Eneas Campbell	Captn	(Fred^{k})	69.. 15. C. S. J.
Clement Hollyday	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Jno C. Jones	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
David Lynn	Ensign	(D^{o})	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern shore pay to

Zabduct Potter	Captn	(Caroline)	£69.. 15..
Thos Wynn Lockerman	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Levin Handy	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Philip Casson	Ensign	(D^{o})	37.. 5..
Thomas Bourke	Captn	(Dorset)	71.. —..
Bucket Falcon	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	43.. —..
John Lynch	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	43.. —..
Ja^{s} Woolford Gray	Ens^{n}	(D^{o})	43.. —..
Thomas Smyth jun^{r}	Captn	(Kent)	69.. 15..
Ja^{s} Williamson	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Nathl Kennard jun^{r}	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Josiah Johnson	Ens^{n}	(D^{o})	37.. 5..
Isaac Perkins	Captn	(Kent)	69.. 15..
Abraham Falconar	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Jesse Corden	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
James Henry	Ensign	(D^{o})	37.. 5..
John Downes	Captn	(2. Anns.)	69.. 15..
Thos Lane Emory	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Saml W. Thomas	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Jackson	Ens^{n}	(D^{o})	37.. 5..
John Dean	Captn	(2 Ann's)	69.. 15..
John Hawkins	1 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
John Neill	2 L^{t}	(D^{o})	46.. 10..
Saml Earle	Ensign	(D^{o})	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Saml Dorsey one Provincial Bayonet of a large size for a patent.

Ordered That Isaac Harriss furnish Mr Samuel Dorsey with the Dimensions, and sizes of the Gun Barrels at the mussles, sufficient for his guidance in manufacturing Bayonets.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Philip Merony	Captn	(Fred)	69.. 15..
Elisha Beall	1 L^{t}	(d^{o})	46.. 10..
John Hellen	2 L^{t}	(d^{o})	46.. 10..
Wm Beatty jun^{r}	Ensign	(d^{o})	37.. 5..

C. S. J.

Peter Mantz	Captn (Fred^{k})	69.. 15..
Adam Grosh	1 L^{t} (d°)	46.. 10..
Peter Adams	2 L^{t} (d°)	46.. 10..
John Richardson	Ensign	37.. 5..
Jacob Good	Captn (Fred)	69.. 15..
John B. Thompson	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
John Ghiselin	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
John Smith	Ensign	37.. 5..
Thomas Hanson	Captn Ch^{s}	69.. 15..
George Dent	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Saml Jones	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Willm Adams	Ensign	37.. 5..

Copy of Letter N° 55 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Magruder Burgess, 1 Lieut^{t} of John Hawkins Lowe's Comp^{y} of p Geo's County £46.. 10 C^{y} for recruiting service.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esqr forty two shillings for 3 Day's attendance, as a member of the Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Thomas B. Hands Esqr forty two shillings for three days attendance, as a member of the Council of Safety.

Adjourned 'till Monday 10 °'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 55.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir.

As the former request made by the Council was disagreeable, as you mention to us, to Messrs Lux & Bowley and Captain Woolsey, we thought it most proper to refer the consideration of their claims and proposals with all the papers and letters relative to that transaction to the Convention, who have concurred with the report of their Committee of Claims, which we send you inclosed,—you will therefore make known to those Gentlemen this resolution of the Convention, and you will proceed agreeable to the instructions we have given respecting those cargoes, and you will please to inform those Gentlemen we will pay the particular sums to their order. Lieutenant Moore has made known to us that there are wanting for the artillery here 200, 4^{lb} Balls, 200 6^{lb} D° and 400 3^{lb} d° These are cast at the Kingberry Furnace, and we request the favor of you to expedite them as soon as they possibly can be done

29th June 1776

[Lux and Bowly to Jenifer.] Original.

Baltimore 29th June 1776.

Sir. We are just now informed by Mr Hollingsworth that he has your Instructions to unload the Brig Fortune and discharge her from the public service. As she has been long loaded and the whole time fully manned and held in readiness to sail and of course her disbursements very high, We are desirous to know upon what terms she is to be discharged; for which purpose our Mr Lux, who we expect will be in Annapolis on Monday on his return from the Eastern Shore, will wait upon the Honl Council of Safety, or if he should be disappointed and not return so soon, D. Bowly will then be down. In the mean time we have desired Mr Hollingsworth to wait 'til we had been with you.

We remain Sir, Your mo obedt Hble Servts

Lux & Bowly

To the Prest of the Council of Safety of Md

[N. Smith to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. I wrote you the 18th Inst. by Mr Powell requesting you would appoint him my 3d Levt but understand he is to have a higher station in the Troops now to be raised, at which I am very well pleas'd, as I think him a very deserving young man.

I now beg leave to recomend the Bearer Mr Robt Porteus, as a young man the most fit to fill the station of any one I know, & assure you I shall esteem it as a particular favour if you will appoint him my 3d Levt

I must still beg you woud allow Mr Saml Chesters one of my serjants, who is appointed Adjutant to Colo Buchanan's Batallion, to act still as serjant to my Company:

I am Gentlemen, Your mo obliged Hhble Servt

Balto. June 30th 1776. Nathl Smith.

[List of Harford Militia Companies.] C. S. C.

A List of the Companies on the North side of Deer Creek in Harford County formed and returned to this Committee: Vizt

Capt William Webb.
Ignatius Wheeler 1 Lieutenant
William Fisher Second Do
Samuel Webb Junr Ensign
& 74 Privates. Date of Enrolement 14th day of October 1775.

c. s. c. Capt John Patrick
Winston Dallam first Lieutenant
Samuel Barley second D^{o}
Richd Ward Ensign
& 55 Privates. Date of enrolement the 1st day of April 1776.

Capt John Jolley
John Mongomery first Let^{nt}
James Wilson second D^{o}
James Thomas Ensign
& 57 Privates Date of Enrolement the 10th day of March 1776.

Sirs. The foregoing Companies are the only ones formed since the last return. We expect a Company or two more will be formed, which with one or two more already enroled, but not yet formed in Battallion, will make six Independant Companies situated so as they may be formed in Batalla: which we will report as soon as they are all enroled: I am Gent^{n} Y^{r} most Hb. Servt Amos Garrett Chairman of the Committee

Memorandum of Militia officers who have not their Commissions
Capt Saml Calwell
Thos Hutchins 1st Lieu^{t}
Joseph Lewis 2nd Ditto.

Capt James McComas
Benjamin Scott 1st Lieu^{t}
Marton Preston 2^{d} Ditto
James Steel Ensign

Capt Bennett Bussey
Joshua Miles 1st Lieu^{t}
Azeal Hitchcock Junr 2nd Do.
Joshua Amos of Ja^{s} Ensign

Capt Robt Harris
William Coale 1st Lieu^{t}
William Downes 2nd D^{o}
Joseph Renshaw Junr Ensign

In Capt William McComas Company James Sinkcleare is appointed 2^{d} Lieu^{t}

Alexander Cowen Capt
Jno Beale Howard 1st Lieu^{t}
Saml Groome Osborne 2^{d} Lieu^{t}
Lambert Wilmer Ensign.

Monday 1st July 1776 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Hall Mr Plater, Mr Smyth & Mr Hands.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Matthew Tilghman esqr four Pounds for 16w Gun powder supply'd the militia on the Otter Alarm.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captn James Nicholson five hundred and fourteen Pounds, for one month's pay of the ship's Crew on board the Defence.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain James Kent forty four Pounds, seven shillings and two pence, Bala of the minute Compy on duty in Virginia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

James Young (Balto)	Captn	£69.. 15..
James Bond	1 Lt	46.. 10..
John Smith	2 Lt	46.. 10..
James Toole	Ensign	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Brice two Pounds, eleven shillings and three pence for 102½w Lead.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Messrs Lux & Bowley three hundred and ninety three pounds, twelve shillings for Demurrage and Detention of Brig Fortune.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Campbell Lindsay three pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence for a Musquet.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to

Greenbury Goldsborough	Captn (Talbot)	69.. 15..
Woolman Gibson (son of Jno)	1 Lt	46.. 10..
John Thomas Junr	2 Lt	46.. 10..
Perry Benson (son of Jas)	Ensn	37.. 5..

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Cradock to Council.] C. S. C.

Balto County 1st July 1776.

Gentlemen.

With a grateful sense of your good opinion of me I beg leave to resign the Commission of first Major, in Soldiers Delight Battalion; since (having attended last Saturday) the Battalion declare, that they will be commanded only by Officers recommended by themselves.

C. S. C. Be assured that this is the only reason of my resignation; for with pleasure will I execute any further Office conferred upon me in the service of my country.

The Council of Safety of the Province of Maryland. I am Gentlemen Y^r Obed^t hble. Servant John Cradock

[Charge against Clark.]

Mr Cumberland Dugan inform'd the Committee, that on or about last Friday senight, he heard Mr James Clark, Magistrate in this County express himself to the following purport. That if we did keep quiet a little longer, we should soon have People here, who would take care of us & look after us. And that at another time being at Mr Clark's house & conversing with him on the subject of his not mustering nor attending the Company of Militia, in which said Clark was enrolled, he heard said Mr Clark say, that he would get back again all those fines which he paid to Mr Levy the Clerk of said Company, as he charged Mr Levy with all that he paid on that account; and that he never would take up Arms in defence of America, or in the present contest.

Cumberl^d Dugan.

The above sworn to & subscribed in Presence of the Committee of Baltimore County July 1st 1776. Witness. Saml Purviance Junr Chair^n Com^ee

[Sanderson to Council.]

To the Honble Convention of Delegates for the Province of Maryland at Annapolis.

Gentlemen.

I understand that a certain number of Camp Kettels are immediately wanted for the use of the Troops now raising by your Honble House. Having a sufficient quantity of materials for the purpose begs leave to offer to your House that I will make them any quantity they may want at so low a rate as £21/6 p Kettele of copper well trim'd with Beal and ears, sufficient for six men in a mess.

Francis Sanderson
Annapolis July 1st 1776.

C. S. J. Tuesday July 2^d 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. The same Members present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay Captn George Watts six Pounds, eleven shillings and six

Pence, for pay and subsist of Part of his Company ordered on duty. C. S. J.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern shore pay to

Philip Fiddeman	Captn (Caroline)	£69.. 15..
Henry Dennes	1 Lt	46.. 10..
John Reynolds	2 Lt	46.. 10..
Thomas Mason	Ensign	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster two thousand, five hundred pounds Curry.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Wm Cayten seven Pounds, ten shillings for Hire of Cart and Horses to carry Arms to Drum-point.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to William Nevin thirty Pounds, in part payment for Gun-Carriages.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to

John Hawkins Lowe	Captn (P. Geo's)	£69.. 15..
Wm Duvall	2 Lt	46.. 10..
Horatio Claggett	Ensn	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Robert Lloyd Nicols, Paymaster of the Eastern Shore eight hundred and fifty Pounds Curry

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to

Alexr Howard Magruder	Captn (P. Geo's)	69.. 15..
Wm Sprigg Bowie	1 Lt	46.. 10..
Benja Contee	2 Lt	46.. 10..
Alexander Trueman	Ensign	37.. 5..

John Brooke	Captn Calvt	£69.. 15..
Fredk Skinner	1 Lt	46.. 10..
Nathl Willson	2 Lt	46.. 10..
James Somerville	Ensign	37.. 5..

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Wells to Jenifer.] C. S. C.

Baltimore July the 2d 1776.

Sir

According to desire I beg leave to acquaint you, that I am providing materials for going on with the Rowe Gallies, & am satisfied to build them on the same terms with Mr Stephen Stewart. I would have done myself the pleasure of waiting on you now, but that material business carries me to Philadelphia, but at my return, will do myself that honour. Please to

c. s. c. let me know per return of Bearer, the necessary dimensions &c And am with great respect your most Obedient Humble Servant George Wells.

Please to send me up a copy of Mr Stewarts contract.

Daniel of St Thomas Jennifer Esqr

Chairman of the Council of Safety, Annapolis.

[Ennalls to Council.]

Cambridge July 2d 1776.

Gentn

On Saturday the 25th Ulto. I received information by Express from Col Wm Travers (of the Corps of the lower part of this County) that there were five Tenders then in Hoopers Straights, that they had landed on Hopkins's Island & had taken upwards of sixty head of Cattle from that place, together with two young men and every thing else that was valuable on the Island, that they had committed considerable depredations on the Somerset Shore, and thrown that County into the utmost confusion, and he expected they would commit further ravages in this County. In consequence of this information, I ordered Col. John Ennalls & Major Robert Harrison to go down to that neighbourhood (it being forty miles from this place) to get further information respecting these circumstances and to take such steps as should appear to them to be necessary on the occasion. They immediately went down and I am informed by them that on their arrival there, they found affairs circumstanced as above related. The Tenders had gone down the Bay wth their plunder a few hours before they arrived but the Militia of that Corpse were still upon duty, many of them being much fatigued and anxious to go home, they were all discharged except about forty who were left to keep a look out. In the evening of that day there appeared in Nanticoke Sound, one large Ship and seven other Vessels supposed to be tenders. This gave the Inhabitants great uneasiness and anxiety, they therefore ordered such part of the Militia as cou'd readily be collected to assemble to prevent the Enemy from committing further damage. I am further informed by them that they found many of the people in that part of the County very lukewarm in the opposition, difficult to be got together, and when collected in such bad discipline they are not (in their opinion) to be relied on, paying but little regard to the instructions of their Officers. Things being in this situation, I have thought it advisable to order part of the Militia under my command to march down to their assistance, & I flatter myself we shall be able to prevent their

landing in that quarter, but should the enemy continue there a few days, and keep the Militia on duty numbers of the Inhabitants must unavoidably lose a considerable part of their crops, their Wheat being now ready to cut. C. S. C.

Capt. Woolford is at this time with his Company on the Borders of Nanticoke near the mouth of that River, to guard that neighbourhood, where his assistance is much wanted.

I must further beg leave to inform you that our Militia are badly fited with Arms, I am clearly of opinion, that not one half of them have effective Guns, neither have we a sufficient quantity of Powder & lead (particularly the latter) should we have occasion to make use of those articles.

I have this moment received an Express from Hoopers Straights by which I am informed that the Ship of War is now in the mouth of Nanticoke, two of the Tenders in Hungar River & one in Fishing Bay close to the shore, that the people are in great confusion, and much harassed by them. I have not the least doubt but they are in the like, or a worse situation in Somerset County. I think it my duty to give you this information as early as possible, and doubt not you will give such assistance as the exigency of our affairs require.

I have the honor to be Gent^{n}
Your most Obed^{t} & Hum. Servt
Thos Ennalls.

[Bracco to Ridgely.]

Port Tobacco July 2^{d} 1776.

Dear Sir.

I have sent the Bearer John Barnet express to Annapolis to request that you will make application to the Council for a Sum of Money to defray the expenses of providing food and other necessaries that are requisite for the soldiers under inoculation here. the Doctors tell me that it will not be proper for the soldiers to eat the Ration provided for them by the Commissary for three weeks at least, in which time their expenses will amount to near 150 pounds or there about, be that as it may a true and just account shall be rendered of the expenditure of the money in case the Council think proper to advance it. May do this business as quickly as possible. I have expended almost all my own cash and when that is gone we may whistle for provision until we can get a fresh supply. The People here follow a very good rule, not trust us farther than they can see us. Please apply also for our Subsistence from the fifteenth of March last and let me know it whether it will be granted agreeable to account rendered by

c. s. c. Capt Beall some time ago, if it should you will send it by the Bearer, as I promise you I want it much. I would have wrote to the Council, but did not know whether it would be agreeable to them to receive it from among the Small Pox. be kind enough to dispatch Wirt down immediately, let no excuse stop him. I hear that he wants to stay, You may tell him he is to return again. Please write me and enclose a list of the Officers of the Flying Camp. I have nothing now to write, but am Dr Sir,

Your most Obd^{t} Hble Ser^{t}
Bennett Bracco.

P. S. We are all getting thro' the Small Pox as well as can be expected.

To Mr Ridgely or
Mr G. Duvall at Annapolis.

[Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town July the 2^{d} 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Bearer hereof Mr Winters waites on the Convention with 50 stand of Arms for use of the Province which I think will be highly approved of. Mr Hollingsworth has not furnished him with Gun Barrels agreeable to his contract, and if he is not more punctual Mr Winters tells me he shall be much delayed for want of Barrels and Bayonets, permit me therefore to remind the Council of Mr Samuel Dorseys Proposal the other day, to furnish a large Q^{ty} of those two articles, and from the sample of his work in the Cutteau Blade he produced to the Council there is great reason to believe he would execute his work in the best manner. If Mr Winters cou'd be furnished with Locks from the Frederick Manufactory he cou'd easily compleat 50 stand of Arms every week.

I am with the most perfect Regard Gen^{t}
Y^{r} most Obed^{t} Servt
Thos Smyth.

c. s. j. Wednesday 3rd July 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Edward Burgess	Captn (Fred)	£69.. 15..
John Gaither	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Thaddeus Beall	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Thomas Edmondson	Ensign	37.. 5..

Leonard Deakins	Captn Fred^{k}	69.. 15.. C. S. J.
Thomas Nowland	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Elisha Williams	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
John Griffith	Ensign	37.. 5..
Benjamin Spiker	Captn (Fred^{k})	69.. 15..
Greenbury Gaither	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Wm Anderson	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Nich^{l} Siebert	Ensign	37.. 5..
Henry Hardman	Captn (Fred^{k})	69.. 15..
Daniel Stull	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Peter Hanson	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
John Rench	Ensign	37.. 5..
John Reynolds	Captn Fred.	69.. 15..
Moses Chaplaine	1 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Christian Orandorf	2 L^{t}	46.. 10..
Nathan Williams	Ensign	37.. 5..

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Cummins Victualler two thousand pounds Currency.

Copy of Letter N° 56 was sent to Captn Nathaniel Smith.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Edward Parker of Cæcil County one hundred and fifty Pounds, on his contract to enable him to prosecute a Linen manufactory.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Charles Carroll Esqr (Barrister) four Pounds, twelve shillings, for Iron furnished George Gordon for Gun Carriages.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother ten shillings, for freight of Linen from Edwd Parker of Cæcil County.

The Council of Safety agreed with Mr Francis Sanderson of Baltimore Town to furnish three hundred Camp Kettles as p^{r} Agreement filed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Alexander Somervill one hundred and eighty eight Pounds, ten shillings & two pence, for militia on duty in Calvert County.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to

Robt. Bowie	Captn	P. Geo's	£69.. 15..
Benjn Brookes	1 L^{t}		46.. 10..
Wm Dent Beall	2 L^{t}		46.. 10..
Colmore Beans.	Ensign		37.. 5..

C. S. J. The Council of Safety agreed with Mr Samuel Dorsey of Elkridge for 500 Bayonets, all compleat agreeable to a Patent this Day delivered him by the Commissary of Stores, except the Sockett

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Samuel Dorsey 200 wt of the steel purchased by Mr Steuard at Phila

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o' Clock.

C. S. C. No. 56.

[Council to Smith.]

To Captn Nathl Smith

Sir.

You are requested to send to the Council of Safety as soon as possible an account of all the Canon at Baltimore and Swivel guns belonging to the Province, as well those that are mounted at the Fortifications as those that are not, and their weights of Metal.

3d July 1776

[Dorsey to Council.]

Gentlemen

I waited on Mr Harris concerning the size of the Bayonets and he gave me for answer that he was going the next day to Philadelphia, and could not do any thing in it until he returned, for which reason I did not wait on Mr Devall for the Bayonet for a Pattern, but now wait on you by Mr Cary to confirm the contract to make the Bayonets at 6/6 and to get an order for the Steel, in mean time remain

Gentlemen yr most obedient
Humble Servt
Saml Dorsey Junr

July 3d 76

C. S. J. Thursday 4th July 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Commissions issd to

Joseph Chapline	appd	Captain
James Chapline		1 Lieut
Thomas Crampton		2 Lieut
James Steuard		Ensign
Also to Hy Bateler	appd	Captn
Thomas Odle		1 Lt
John Nichols		2 Lt
Barton Philpot		Ensign, of

Companies of Militia belonging to the Upper District, of Frederick County. C. S. J.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captn John H. Stone fifteen Pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence Currency, for necessaries furnished his Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Colo Benjamin Rumsey for the use of Amos Garrett, eighteen Pounds, seventeen shillings, and six Pence Cy for 47 Bayonets.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Lieutt Wm Harrison for the use of that part of Captain Veazey's Company stationed at Kent island, one Bolt of Oznab:gs, six Pieces of Check-Linen, two pieces of Country-Linen, twenty Pair of Leather Breeches, and six Quire of Cartridge Paper.

Copy of Letter No 57 was sent to James Tilghman Esqr

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Tilghman.] C. S. C. No. 57.

To James Tilghman Esqr

Sir.

Your Presence [in Council] is much wanted there being but three members in Town, and several Commissns to sign and other business before us.

4th July 1776

[Martin to Council.]

Gentlemen,

This will inform you of my safe arival with the Brig Friendship in to Chingoteag on Tuesday July 2d which Mr Richards has taken on your acct I likewise [send] you a manifest of the Cargo I have on board, best part of which I have got on shore under the protection of Coll. F. Lemmon be so kind to let me know as soon as possable what measurs must be taken with the Brig & Crew, the being all in debt to the Vessel, some 3£ some more & sum less. I have not time to write you a full detale for ther is 3 tenders cruising off this harbour which puts me in confusion till I get my cargo landed. If the Brig should fit out again I should be appointed to go in her. I hope you will grant me leave to go as far as Baltimore to see my little family & settle with my last owner.

I have on board 8 officers & 23 hands, 3 four pounders, 6. 3 pounders, 6 swivels & 1 Cohorn. Be so kind to let me know what quantity of Powder & lead I shall keep on board for the Vessels use, for the Tenders is dangerous. If the Brig

c. s. c. is fitted out again she must have a new windlass, and new fore and main Tops & a new main mast. The Steareage is cut off and if I carry this number of hands she will not carry as much by 200 barrels as last voyage.

Gentlemen, Your Hm. Serᵗ
John Martin

N. B. I lost the opportunity by Mʳ Lux by not knowing he would go that day & confusion with the Tenders. I was fired at near the harbour by one the morning I got in.
J. M.

Manifest of sundrys receed on board the Brig Friendship Capᵗ John Martin.

7 Chests mark R. F. N° 1 a 7
1 bale D° D° N° 8
23 bales of Canvas.
225 barrells of Powder
228 half barrells of Powder
2 large Chests
1 Crate
3 Barrells
2 Sheets of lead
17 Chests of Arms.
2 Cases markᵈ E. R.
1 Cask mark W.
1 Bale mark J. R.
1 Chest mark H. C.
1 Bale mark H. C.
11 Bolts of Loose Canvas.
1 Small Box mark H. Y.

[Charge against Marshall.]

John Marshall Junʳ Capᵗ of a Militia Company in the fifteenth Battalion in Calvert County, has refused to join the other Companies in Battalion; alledging, that he has been frequently insulted by the Adjutant.

The Council of Safety are requested to appoint a Court Martial to try both Capᵗ and adjutant Mills.

Benj: Mackall 4th
4 July 1776. Alen Somervell.

Major Paᵗ S. Smith, Capt. Edward Wood Junʳ, Capᵗ Thomas Cleland, Capt. Charles Williamson, Capᵗ Frisby Freeland, Capᵗ Thoˢ Truman Greenfield, Lieut Benj. Bond, Lieut. Thomas Gray, Lieut. Edmund Clare.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Sirs.

I received yours this moment by your Express shall do myself the pleasure to wate on you in the morning as early as posable in time Remain Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Hmble Servᵗ
Samˡ Dorsey Junʳ
July 5th 1776.

[Nathaniel Smith to Jenifer.] C. S. C

Invoice of Cannon Taken the 4th July 1776 at the Fort, at Whitstone Point, & Fells Point. Viz:

At the Fort belonging to the Province

9. 18 pounders on Carriges
19. 9 ditto d°
2. 12 ditto d°
2. 6 ditto d°
3. 4. ditto d°
3. 3. ditto d°

1. 9lb Private property unfit for Service
1. 2 ditto Good.

At Fells point belonging to the province

1. 9 pounder on Carrige
1. 9 d° not on Carrige
7. 9 d° not on ditto & unfit for Service of Messrs Hughes First Casting.
2. 3 d° Good private property on Carriges.

Sir.

Above you have Agreeable to your Request of the 3d Inst a True Acct of the Canon at the Fort, & Baltimore Town.

I am Sir
Your m° hble. Servt
Nathl Smith

July 4th 1776.

Friday 5th July 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam one hundred and fifty Pounds for Musquets pr Agreement.

Ordered That the Commissary of stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Mr Wm Acres for the use of the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County two hundred, and fifty weight of Lead.

Copy of Letter N° 58 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County.

Ordered That the Commissary of stores deliver to General Chamberlaine out of the public Magazine at Annapolis seven hundred and fifty weight of Lead, for the use of the Eastern shore.

C. S. J. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col° Thomas Ewing five hundred Pounds Curr^{y} for purchase of Guns to be supply'd the Militia of flying camp.

Ordered That the Treasurer of Eastern Shore pay to

Joshua George	Captn Cæcil	69.. 15..
Wm Veazey	1 L^{t}	47.. 10..
Jn° Stocton	2 L^{t}	47.. 10..
Richd Bird	Ensign	37.. 5..
Walter Alexander	Captn	69.. 15..
And^{w} Porter	1 L^{t}	47.. 10..
Harman Arrants	2 L^{t}	47.. 10..
George Hamilton	Ensign	37.. 5..

for recruiting Service.

Ordered That Commission issue to Wm Brown app^{d} 1 L^{t} of Captn Fulford's Comp^{y} of Artillery.

Copy of Letter N° 59 was sent to Messrs Danl & Saml Hughes.

Ordered That a General Court-Martial be held on the 15th Day of July Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy six for the Tryal of Captain John Marshall and Adjutant Levin Mills of Calvert County, belonging to the fifteenth Battalion of Militia of this Province.

That Major Patrick Sim Smith be President of the said Court, and the following Persons, members of the same to wit

Captn Edward Wood jun^{r}
Captn Thomas Cleland
Captn Charles Williamson
Captn Frisby Freeland
Captn Thos Trueman Greenfield
Lieut^{t} Benja: Bond
Lieut^{t} Thomas Gray
Lieut. Edmund Clare.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Colo. James Murray twenty seven pounds, fourteen shillings, and eight Pence for pay of Part of his Battalion on Duty.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay Joseph Middleton seventy five Pounds for his Alarm Boat.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern-shore pay to John Gibson two pounds, ten shillings for Boat-hire.

Ordered That the Commissary of stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Mr Elisha Winters one Faggett of steel.

Ordered That Mr Henry Hollingsworth be requested to deliver to Elisha Winters, from time to time, such musquet Barrels, and Bayonets, as he shall have manufactured for the use of this Province, not exceeding six hundred of each sort.

Ordered That the Commissary of stores at Annapolis deliver C. S. J.
to Captn J. A. Thomas fifty musquets, one sett of large Bullet-moulds & three Bolts of Oznab^{gs} and 60 yards Country Linen.

Ordered That Captain Rezin Beall be requested to deliver to Captn J. A. Thomas six of the rifles lately sent him by the Council of Safety, and also that he and Captn Thomas immediately send all the spare musquets now in his possession under the Direction of Captain Thomas to the public Magazine at Annapolis.

Ordered That the Commissary of stores at Annapolis deliver to Lieut^{t} Adams for the use of Captn Rezin Beall 6 p^{s} Check & 2 Bolts Oznab^{gs}

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Captn Jno A. Thomas, twenty pounds, sixteen shillings Curry for making 104 hunting shirts.

Adjourned 'till next Day, 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Dorchester Committee.] C. S. C. No. 58.

To the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County.

Gentlemen.

We have sent by a Boat belonging to Mr Wm Acres of Talbot County, opposite to Cambridge, 250^{wt} Lead for your County, the Skipper has engaged to deliver it at Cambridge to you. We shall send some more over by General Chamberlaine to be lodged at Talbot Court House for the Use of your shore, in case you should be in want hereafter be pleased to apply to him.

5th July 1776

[Council to Daniel and Samuel Hughes.] No. 59.

To Messrs Danl & Saml Hughes

Gentlemen.

The Convention have directed the Council of Safety to fortify Annapolis immediately, this cannot be done without you comply with your Contract with the Province or as much thereof as you possibly can—you will therefore be pleased to send as many of the 18 & 9 pounders to Baltimore, as may be in your power.

5th July 1776

[Dent to Council.]

Charles County 5th July 1776.

Gentlemen

Your favour of the second Instant I've received, wherein you not only account for ordering me to St Georges Island

C. S. C. (whither I should most undoubtedly have gone without orders, so soon as I was apprised of the arrival of the Enemy) but also for sending Major Price to the Command. I never entertained the most distant thought that you had any intention of giving me offence, and am happy to find you have had no insinuations to my prejudice. What I complain of is your very concise order whereby I was superceded without a line from your Honors signifying what part I was to act, or whether I was to remain there a cipher, where I stayed with impatience twenty four hours, expecting further orders. I never attended to the Rank between Officers of the Militia & Regulars, as adjusted by the Convention, or should not have accepted off the Commission I held, for that and the reason already given, did enclose you my commission for the flying Camp. Having tendered my service to the Publick in a different line of duty, (viz. the Civil Department) w^h^ requires my presence 'till my Offer is accepted or rejected, prevents my complying with your repeated request of giving you a Personal conference, until Monday next, when I have reason to believe I shall have the pleasure of confering with your Honors on the subject.

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient hble Servt
Jno Dent.

[Smyth to Tilghman.]

Chester Town July the 5th 1776.

Dear Sir

I have been applied to by Thomas Blake of this Town to be employed by the Province in making Cartridge Boxes, Gun Slings &^c^ He is a very good Workman and may be depended on for what he engages, and says he will furnish these articles at the price the Council give the Baltimore Saddlers, he could supply the two companies of Militia that are to be raised in this County for the flying Camp by the time they will be ready to march; youll be pleased to mention this matter to the Council and if they incline to empower me to contract with Blake, they will please to write by the first opportunity and mention the price of each article, I would not have left the Council when I did but I knew my Stay was not necessary & my engagement to Build a Roe Gally made my return home absolutely necessary. please to make my compliments to the Council, and am D Sir.

Your Most Obd^t^ Servt
Thos Smyth

James Tilghman Esqr
in Annapolis

Saturday 6th July 1776. C. S. J.

Met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Commission issd to Jeremiah Baker appd Captain of a Company of militia in Cæcil County, belonging to the 30th Battalion.

Also to

George Waters	appd	Captain
James Wright		1 Lieutt
Joseph Stack		2 Lt
John Caulk		Ensign of a

Company of Militia in Dorchester County.

Also to James Townsend appd 2 Lieutt and Thomas Atkinson Ensign of Captn Quinton's Compy of militia in Worcester County.

Also to John Muir appd 1 Lieutt Saml Davidson 2 Lt and Saml McCloster Ensign of Captn Hugh McBrides Compy of Militia in Dorchr Cty belg to 3rd Battalion.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to Captn Rezin Beall one hundred and sixty nine Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence on Acct of his Compy

It is agreed that Mr Wm Lux be empowered to settle for, and receive from the Committee of Safety of Virginia, the Amount of the Freight of Gunpowder in the Brigantine Frienship, Captn Martin from St. Eustatia amounting to £611.. 5..— Marylđ Currency.

Ordered That Commissary of stores deliver to Isaac Harriss 2w Gun Powder for to prove his rifles and Musquets.

Copy of Letter No 60 was sent to Messrs Smyth, Hands & Nicholson.

Ordered That a General Court-Martial be held for the Tryal of Captain Richard Bennett Hall; Jeremiah Ryley and Jonathan Wright Lieutt of Captn Boyd's Company, and Lieut Jas Mullikin of Captn Hall's Company, on the twenty fifth Day of July at Upper Marlbro: and that Major John Rogers be President of the said Court, and the following Persons members of the said Court.

Captn David Crawford
Captn Luke Marbury.
Captn Trueman Skinner
Captn Fielder Bowie
Captn Thomas Trueman
Captn Hezekiah Wheeler
Captn Robert Wade
Captn Michl Lowe
Lieutt Humphry Belt
Lieutt John Smith Brookes
Lieutt Henry Hill
Lieutt Henry Brookes

By order:

C. S. J. Ordered That Captn Nathl Smith be required to deliver to Captn John Fulford 9 Cannon of 9 Pounders, already mounted upon Carriages with all the necessary apparatus thereto belonging, and a sufficient quantity of Ball for said Cannon.

Copy of Letter N° 61 was sent to Col^{o} James Kent.

Commission was made out to Wm Woolsey Commander of the schooner Harlequin, and Bond taken according to the Resolves of Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to

Aquila Paca	Captn	Harford	£69.. 5..
Jno Beidle Hall,	1 L^{t}		47.. 10..
Mich^{l} Gilbert	2 L^{t}		47.. 10..
John Patterson	Ensign		37.. 5..

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to James Taylor eleven pounds, sixteen shillings & six Pence for Gun Carriages.

Captain John Allen Thomas being ordered by the Honorable Convention with his Company to Philadelphia, the good people of this Province are requested to give him every assistance in their Power on his march, and to furnish him with Carts &c, which may be proper, all necessary expences will be defrayed by the Council of Safety.

Ordered That Capt Rezin Beall immediately furnish out of his Company, as many muskets with Bayonets, as will compleatly arm Captn John Allen Thomass Company.

Ordered That a Captain and other proper officers with thirty Privates of the militia in Kent County march immediately to that part of Worcester County, which is nearest Chingoteague in Accomack County in Virginia to guard the Powder &c: belonging to this Province from thence to Chester Town, and that they be requested further to march to Chingoteague for that purpose

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western-shore pay Dr Wallace fifteen Pounds, four shillings and nine Pence on Acc^{t} of Infirmary.

Copy of Letter N° 62 was sent to Captn R. Beall
63 to Vanbebber & Harrison
64 to Comm^{ee} of Worc^{r} County

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to Col^{o} Hawkins for use of Lt B. Bracco one hundred Pounds, for that Part of Captain Beall's Comp^{y} with the small Pox at Port Tob^{o}

Ord^{d} That said Treasurer pay to

Maj^{r} Jenifer	£28.. —..	C^{y}	for 40 Day's Attend:
Bar: Carroll	2.. 16..		for 4 D^{o}
J. Hall	25.. 18..		for 37 D^{o}
Col^{o} Plater	9.. 2..		for 13 D^{o}

C. S. J.

Ord[d] That Western shore Treasurer pay to

W[m] Hayward	£17.. 10..	for 25	day's Attend[e]
Ja[s] Tilghman	12.. 12..	for 18	D°
G. Duvall	9.. —..	for 9	D° as Cl.
R[d] Ridgely	32.. —..	for 32	D° as Cl.
Ditto	4.. 4..	for 6	D° as Ass. Cl.
Rob[t] Reynolds	12.. 10..	for 25	D°
W[m] Tuck	5.. —..	for 10	D°

Thus end the Proceedings
By order
R. Ridgely Cl.

C. S. C. No. 60.

[Council to Smyth, Hands, and Nicholson.]

To Mess[rs] Smyth, Hands, & Nicholson

July 6th 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Convention have appointed you members of the Council of Safety, and we beg your attendance immediately.

Mess[rs] Vanbebber and Harrison have bought us a Brig and shipped us a valuable Cargoe as you will perceive by the enclosed copy of the invoice.

You will be pleased to dispatch waggons immediately from Kent or elsewhere as to be had, sufficient to convey this Cargoe to Chester Town and also to provide Provision for the Guard to Chingoteague and back, which is to consist of a commissioned Officer & 24 Privates out of Capt[n] Vezeys Company.

To Mess[rs] Smith, Hands & Nicholson
members of Council of Safety
Chester Town.

The Convention have this moment determined that the Battalion and three independent Companies immediately march to the Jersey's armed. You will therefore not lose one moments Time, but send the waggons instantly down to Virg[a], we shall be totally without arms 'till these arrive. As Vezeys independent Company is to march immediately, you are desired to send a Capt[n] and 30 picked Men of the militia to guard the Waggons.

No. 61.

[Council to Kent.]

To Col° James Kent

Sir.

Captain Nicholson be[g] appointed to the Command of one of the Continental Frigates, renders it necessary that some Gentlemen should be Commissioned to fill the department he

C. S. C. acted in, on board the Ship Defence—the subalterns tho' otherwise very clever, want experience, and as we have been advised by Captⁿ Nicholson you have sailed in a vessel of Force and probably would accept the Command of our ship, and as we were well satisfied of your zeal, activity and prudence, we moved and obtained Liberty from the Convention to propose it to you to take the command of the Defence, you will please to favor us with your answer immediately and signify to us whether you will accept it. We wish you to receive the Commission, and leave it to yourself to determine if it will not be better to accept the command which probably will have continuance, than of the Battalion which will be disbanded the first of December.

6th July 1776

No. 62. [Council to Beall.]

To Captⁿ Rezin Beall

Sir.

As Captain Thomas is directed by the Honorable Convention to March immediately with his Company to the Northward, and as tis proper his men should be as compleately armed as possible, we have ordered that you furnish him with such of the Guns with Bayonets belonging to your Company as may be sufficient for that purpose. He will leave with you what of his Guns have not got Bayonetts—we desire to have a particular state of the arms of your Company after Captⁿ Thomas may have delivered you his, that we may immediately order you a proper supply from here to make up the Deficiency if there should be any wanting.

July 6 1776

No. 63. [Council to Vanbbeber and Harrison.]

To Messrs. Vanbebber & Harrison

Sirs.

Inclosed you have Bill of Lading & Invoice of sundries shipped on Accᵗ of this Province in the John, Captⁿ amtᵍ £ which you will dispose of to the best advantage. Captⁿ Martin is arrived with the needful, and your orders in his favor shall be paid at sight. The Brig is immediately to return to you. The articles we most want you have a list of enclosed. [Woollens for our soldiers we cannot do without.] Your letters of May 21st & Mr R. H. 15th June we have not Time to answer, particularly at this Time, being much hurried

by military Preparations and shall say that we are pleased with every thing that you have done, and shall give you every support in our Power. C. S. C.

6th July 1776

[Powder, Gunlocks, musquets, Course clothes to cloath 3000 men, blankets 3000, greatly wanted, 3000 course stocks, 2000 pr shoes, Lead, gun flints, thin duck for tents, course hats better than the last sent by Mr Vanbebber, German Oznˢ good, Tin, Campkettles and Cantines.]

[Council to Worcester Committee.]

To the Commᵉᵉ of Obsⁿ for Worcʳ County. No. 64.

Gentⁿ

We have ordered a Captain and thirty Privates of the militia of Kent County to guard the Gun Powder &ᶜ belonging to this Province from Chingoteague in Accomack County in Virginia to Chester Town, but as we cannot with any Certainty from the unhappy and disturbed state of your County and Somerset, determine with any Certainty whether it may be a sufficient Guard, we request if you think it will not, that as many of your militia as you shall determine proper, may march through Somerset and the Head of Dorset with the Waggons for the further security of the Powder, and we cannot doubt of the readiness of your men to engage in the service, and are fully persuaded your requisition without an order from our Board will be sufficient to ensure a Compliance.

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The aforegoing are Letters from the Council of Safety 'till 6th July 1776

Test R. Ridgely Cl.

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